

A Comparison between Heartbeat Legislation & Personhood Amendments

All true Pro-life people want to protect human life from conception to natural death. Personhood amendments seek to designate every human being as a person, regardless of age, which would make the killing of unborn children a crime, punishable under existing murder laws. This is the ultimate goal of the pro-life movement.

Currently the Personhood Amendments don't have the support from a majority of the American people, because it would also ban certain hormonal contraceptives that cause very early abortions. Even though the majority of the electorate is pro-life, when it comes to taking away contraceptives that cause early abortion such as the day after pill, they aren't ready for that yet! For this reason it's not likely that Personhood will become law, until attitudes regarding abortive contraceptives change.

However Heartbeat Legislation would protect an unborn baby as soon as its heartbeat can be detected from outside the mother's body. Unlike Personhood, currently a heartbeat Law would be accepted by the general public now! The majority of Americans believe that when a baby's heart is beating, it shouldn't be aborted! This makes the Kansas Heartbeat Legislation much easier to pass. It would save 85% of the babies currently being aborted in Kansas.

I believe that Heartbeat Legislation isn't a Compromise Bill, just because it doesn't save all babies. Consider the possibility of a fire in an Orphanage. There are 100 children in the building; 15 have already died. A person decides that since he, or she can't save all the children in the burning building, so he or she won't attempt to save any of the children. Do you really think this person would be congratulated for sticking to their all or nothing principals? Definitely NOT! I believe we must save as many unborn babies as we can, as soon as possible. That is not a compromise!

The Heartbeat Bill in no way impends, or stops progress on the passage of Personhood. I believe that in fact, the passage of Heartbeat Legislation will bring us closer to passage of a Personhood Amendment. The Heartbeat Bill will help the public further realize the humanity of unborn babies.

I believe that while Personhood is the ultimate goal of every pro-life person, every pro-life person should support both Personhood and Heartbeat. However neither of these efforts will be successful, unless all pro-lifers work together.

The Kansas Heartbeat Bill is designed to meet the criteria of what Supreme Court Justice Kennedy says he will support. Supreme Court Justice Kennedy may retire this year. Are we willing to wait and possibly allow President Obama to appoint a Pro-choice Justice, to replace Justice Kennedy? I believe that if we wait, we will lose any possibility of having a Pro-life Law being upheld in the Supreme Court. I believe we have the best chance of passing Heartbeat Legislation this year and having it signed into Law. Governor Brownback wrote me a letter letting me know he would sign it into Law, should it reach his desk. Please send House Bill 2324 to the House Floor for a vote this session? Please encourage all the Members of our Legislature to vote yes to pass HB 2324, Heartbeat Legislation.

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