

Amendment 62

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BALLOT TITLE: APPLICATION OF THE TERM PERSON

Summary of Measure

Amendment 62 proposes a change to three sections of the bill of rights in the state constitution to apply the term person to every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being. These sections protect the natural and essential rights of persons, allow open access to courts for every person, and ensure that no person has his or her life, liberty, or property taken away without the due process of law. The measure takes effect only if approved by voters at the 2010 general election.

Summary of Assessment

Amendment 62 is assessed as having no fiscal impact because it does not require any specific actions or services to be provided. State programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Basic Health Plan currently provide prenatal care based on the mother's eligibility, so the unborn already receive those benefits. If the courts determine that the measure requires the state to provide new services, state spending may increase.