

Historic Abortion Ban Passes Alabama Senate

✖ It could be history in the making—and an end to many abortions that are now legal in Alabama.

Alabama Senate Bill, SB301, passed the Senate 23-7. Last minute changes to the bill changed it from a personhood bill, which would have banned all abortions, to a ban of all surgical abortions and many chemical abortions. If the bill passes the House, it will be the first time in state history that all surgical abortions will be outlawed since Roe v. Wade.

The original text, introduced by Senator Phil Williams, read: “The term ‘persons’ as used in the Code of Alabama 1975, shall include any human being from the moment of fertilization or the functional equivalent thereof.”

The amended text now reads “The term ‘persons’ as used in the Code of Alabama 1975, shall include any human being from the moment of fertilization and implantation into the womb.”

“Personhood bills and amendments make all abortion illegal. We recognize the good intentions of the senators who changed SB301, but grieve that it will still be legal to kill unique individual human beings

with some
chemical abortions or in a laboratory,” says Jennifer Mason,
spokesperson for Personhood USA. “Just yesterday,
reported that a woman had given birth to a healthy baby boy
who
implanted in his mother’s abdomen. This baby boy implanted
outside of
his mother’s womb, and therefore would not be considered a
person
according to the changes made to SB301. The simple truth is
that
embryology textbooks agree that human life begins at
fertilization—not implantation.”

Personhood USA applauds Senator Williams for defending his
bill and
attempting to protect all children, no matter their age, size,
or
location. SB301, while certain to save lives, still falls
short of the
high standard and goals of Personhood rights for ALL innocent
human
beings.

Ben DuPre, of Personhood Alabama and the Foundation for Moral
Law, is
now calling for a Constitutional Personhood amendment to
ensure that no
child is left behind.

“What this means is that Alabama still needs a constitutional
amendment
to let the people decide and to extend protection to all human
life from
the moment of fertilization,” explains DuPre. “Hopefully we
can build
on SB301 (and not merely rest upon it) to go as far as
morality and

justice require until all preborn children have equal protection of our law.”