



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2019–2020 General Assembly proposed two amendments (Proposal 2 and Proposal 5) to the Constitution of the State of Vermont, and the 2021–2022 General Assembly concurred with each proposed amendment. Both proposed amendments shall be submitted to the voters for final approval at the November 8, 2022, general election. The proposed amendments are described as follows:

**Proposal 2** would amend the Vermont Constitution to state that slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited:

Article 1 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery and indentured servitude prohibited]

That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore ~~no person born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice, after arriving to the age of twenty one years, unless bound by the person's own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like~~ slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited.

**Proposal 5** would amend the Vermont Constitution to add an article regarding personal reproductive liberty:

Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty]

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.