

South Dakota Abortion Ban: The Facts

The South Dakota abortion ban (HB 1215) was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Mike Rounds. The ban was:

- Extreme, banning abortions in almost all cases, including pregnancies resulting from rape or incest
- Blatantly unconstitutional and written as a direct challenge to *Roe v. Wade*

Under this law, abortion would only be legal if a woman's life was in danger.

Planned Parenthood stood side by side with South Dakotans to fight for reproductive justice, gathering enough signatures to hold a referendum vote, giving the people of South Dakota a voice in the health and lives of women.

In November 2006, South Dakota citizens voted to overturn the ban.

- The ban was rejected by a landslide margin of 10 percentage points
- This vote illustrated that the people of South Dakota would not tolerate legislators using their state to push an extremist agenda.

Unfortunately, extreme attempts to outlaw abortions are not over.

- Other states have considered legislation similar to the South Dakota Ban.
- Another abortion ban was introduced and defeated in the South Dakota legislature in 2007.
- It is expected another ban will appear in the 2008 South Dakota session.

Planned Parenthood is dedicated to working to ensure that all South Dakota citizens have full control over their reproductive health and rights.