



KANSAS AT A GLANCE

EXISTENCE AND STATUS OF ABORTION BAN	STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS	STATUTORY PROTECTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS	OTHER FACTORS
No ban	None established	None	



Existence and Status of Abortion Ban: No abortion ban. The legislature repealed its pre-*Roe* ban.

State Constitutional Protection of Abortion Rights: None established.

Statutory Protection of Abortion Rights: None.

Other Factors: Although the current governor of Kansas is pro-choice, there is nevertheless a fair chance that Kansas will enact an abortion ban or severe restriction on abortion if *Roe* is overturned. This is in part because one of the few U.S. providers of post-viability abortions⁷⁰ practices in Kansas and has been a target of anti-choice zealots for many years; thus, it is likely that the anti-choice movement would make Kansas a focus of its political efforts to restrict abortion.

Conclusion: There is no ban on the books but the legislature may try to enact one.

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Source: National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) website
<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legman/about/sess2005.htm>

⁷⁰ Post-viability abortions are performed in Kansas pursuant to exceptions under state law allowing post-viability abortions only where two unaffiliated physicians have determined that the abortion is “necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman” or where “a continuation of the pregnancy will cause a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman.” KAN. STAT. ANN. § 65-6703.