

Supremes say telehealth abortion can resume while lawsuit continues

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Oklahoma voice

The U.S. Supreme Court decided Thursday to preserve telehealth access to the abortion drug mifepristone until after the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled on the merits of the high-stakes federal lawsuit *Louisiana v. Food and Drug Administration*.

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas issued dissenting opinions. In his dissent, Thomas said the rule violates the Comstock Act, a long unenforced 1873 law that bans the mailing of "obscene" material. During the 2024 presidential campaign, President Donald Trump said he didn't support using the Comstock Act to stop mail delivery of abortion pills, saying he thought the federal government should have nothing to do with the issue.

Mifepristone's manufacturer "makes a passing reference to the possibility of lost sales," Alito wrote in his dissent. "But lost sales in states where abortifacients are generally illegal are not 'irreparable injuries' that can justify granting a stay."

Abortion-rights advocates around the country called the decision a relief after two weeks of uncertainty.

On May 1, the appellate court sided with Louisiana, where state officials sued the FDA in October,

arguing that a rule allowing telehealth access to mifepristone, one of two drugs used to terminate a pregnancy in the first trimester or to treat miscarriage, undermines the state's abortion ban. Danco Laboratories and GenBioPro, two manufacturers of mifepristone, filed emergency appeals, leading the Supreme Court to issue a 10-day stay on May 4, extended until today.

"Though today's decision means that mifepristone remains available through telehealth for now, this fight is not over," said Dr. Camille A. Clare, president of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, in an emailed statement. "The chaos and confusion wrought by competing decisions and the revocation and restoration of access on an almost daily basis do real harm to patients and to the clinicians who care for them."

Abortion opponents decried Thursday's decision. "Women deserve better than dangerous abortion drugs sent through the mail without physician oversight or in-person support," said Jor-El Godsey, president of Heartbeat International, a major network of anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers. "A state like Louisiana that values life in its laws should be able to protect its smallest residents as well as their moms."

The FDA's approved two-drug regimen via telemedicine is an increasingly common abortion



The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that telehealth access to abortion medication can continue according to current rules from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

method, especially for people living in parts of the country where abortion is banned or difficult to access.

Last month, a federal district court paused the lawsuit at the request of the FDA until after the completion of a safety review on mifepristone. That review was prompted by non-peer reviewed, anti-abortion research and in spite of the drug's

record of safety and efficacy since 2000. The state appealed to the 5th Circuit.

Due to multiple ongoing efforts to restrict or block mifepristone, abortion providers have told Stateline they are ready to eventually switch to a misoprostol-

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2025-140

Notice is given that on the 23rd day of June, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Southeast Hall of the County Courthouse, Custer County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in Custer County, Oklahoma,;

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Custer County Sheriff
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND EXISTING PERMIT TO USE GROUNDWATER PERMIT NUMBER 2014-576

Notice is hereby given that Stutzman Land, LLC c/o Karl Stutzman, 24490 E. 980 Road, Weatherford, OK 73096, under the authority given in Oklahoma State Law, Title 82 §1020.7, has filed an application with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, pursuant to Board rules, to amend groundwater permit #2014-576 by adding two (2) wells located as follows: one (1) well in the SW SE SE of Section 23 and one (1) well in the SW SE NE of Section 26; both in T13N, R14WIM, Custer County. This will bring the total number of wells for this permit to three (3). The permit authorizes the use of 636 acre-feet of groundwater per year, and the land dedicated is 318 acres. All other aspects of the permit remain the same, viewable at oklahoma.gov/owrb. Wells and dedicated lands are located over the Rush Springs Sandstone groundwater basin. Use of groundwater is governed by Sections 1020.1 and following Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes and rules of the Board, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC), Title 785, Chapters 4 & 30.

Protests to the application must be in writing and received by the Board at the address listed below and by the applicant at

the address listed above no later than June 22, 2026, and contain the following: (1) name, address, and telephone number of the interested person; (2) the particular application number to which the protest relates; (3) specific information to show how approval of the application proposed may directly and adversely affect legally protected interests of the person filing the protest; and (4) a statement of the relief sought by the interested person. A person who sends a letter containing only a general objection or comment will not be deemed to be a party, but the letter will be made part of the permanent record.

A hearing on this application will be scheduled, and the applicant and protestant(s) shall be advised of the hearing date upon receipt of a proper protest. Protesting parties or their representatives must appear at the hearing and present the protest in order that it may be considered. Hearings are governed by Section 309 of Title 75 and Section 1020.8 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the rules of the Board, OAC Title 785, Chapters 4 and 30. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Robinson at (405) 530-8800. Board mailing address: Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Water Rights Administration Division, 3800 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118-2881. Board fax number: (405) 530-8900.

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PROPOSED MEASURE Primary Election June 16, 2026

In accordance with Oklahoma Statutes, Title 34, Section 17, notice is hereby given that the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Statutes will appear on the Ballot for the Primary Election to be held June 16, 2026. A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of a measure or proposal. A "NO" vote is a vote against a measure or proposal.

Benjamin M. Lepak
Oklahoma Secretary of State

Ballot Title State Question 832, Initiative Petition 446

This measure amends the Oklahoma Minimum Wage Act ("OMWA") under the Oklahoma Statutes to increase the state minimum wage. Employers must pay employees at least \$9 per hour beginning in 2025, increasing \$1.50 annually for a final rate of \$15 per hour in 2029. Beginning in 2030 and continuing indefinitely, the minimum wage would automatically increase annually based on the increase in the cost of living, if any, as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers; the minimum wage increase would continue with any successor agency or index. Such increase would also not require approval from Congress or the Oklahoma Legislature. This measure eliminates several exemptions in the current OMWA, including the exemptions for employers subject to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act; part-time employees; certain students and individuals under age 18; farm and agricultural workers; domestic service workers; newspaper vendors or carriers; and feedstore employees. Effectively, eliminating these exemptions results in current employees not covered by the OMWA now being entitled to the minimum wage. The measure also repeals title 40, section 197.5.

Federal and state employees will not be covered under the OMWA. Volunteers; employers with ten or fewer employees and grossing \$100,000 or less; some employees of carriers engaged in interstate commerce; employees working in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity; outside salesmen; and reserve deputy sheriffs will remain excluded from the OMWA's coverage. Because counties, municipalities, and school districts are not excluded, a fiscal impact on the State will result, possibly necessitating a revenue increase by new taxes or elimination of existing services. The measure will be effective the January 1 following approval and will not apply retroactively.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?
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