

THE ASSEMBLY

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Dr. Max Fox, the Conservative nominee, urges reform of the bill, calling it "one of the most irresponsible acts ever committed by a legislative body."

Calling for stronger safeguards as to places where abortions may be performed, Fox adds, "The most disturbing aspect of this bill is the time limit for an abortion to be performed. Six months. At which time the human fetus is often medically and legally alive. This is the taking of human life and that's murder."

The co-sponsor of the bill, Assemblywoman Constance E. Cook, is running against Democrat Peter L. deWyssocki in the 125th district. Mrs. Cook, favoring retention, said, "There is need for some rather minor amendments but I don't anticipate this being a major issue this year."

DeWyssocki supports the reform position, rather than repeal, because "I believe a limited abortion law is a necessity." He urges "effective family planning which would eliminate the need for aborting a mistake and perhaps take one more step in the liberation of the female."

In Chemung County's 126th district, Republican - Conservative L. Richard Marshall calls for reform of the bill to reduce substantially the time limit. He also states, "Any abortion should be done in an approved hospital, that no hospital or person be required to participate. . . if further abuses develop, I would favor enacting restrictions to correct."

His opponent, Samuel G. Karam, Democrat, did not answer.

Charles D. Henderson, running unopposed in the 127th district (Steuben) did not reply to the survey. He voted in favor of the present bill in April.

Frederick L. Warder, assemblyman from the 128th district (Ontario, Schuyler, Yates), voted against the present law but didn't answer the survey.

Warder's Democratic opponent, Joseph Pitcher, urges reform because "the time limit is unreal." He also urges tighter residency requirements.

Elinor Emmick, Conservative, wants reform because "I am personally opposed to abortion."

The 129th district (Seneca, Wayne) incumbent, Republican-Conservative Joseph C. Finley, who voted for the law last time, favors reform.

"Abortion should not be allowed after the 12th week of pregnancy," Finley says. "I will support a bill which primarily incorporates this change in the law." He also advocates family planning services.

His opponent, Angelo Bonafiglia, takes a similar stance, saying the time limit "should not exceed 13 weeks" and that the father's consent should be required.

Republican Donald Shoemaker of Monroe County's 130th district voted for the law but did not answer the survey.

The Democratic candidate in the 130th, Michael Slade, said, "I favor reform in the form of a five months residency in New York State and reducing the period during which an abortion may be performed to the first 16 weeks."

The third candidate, Conservative Richard Popowich, wants reform requiring the husband's consent.

A call for repeal of the bill was made by incumbent Raymond J. Lill of the 131st district (part of Monroe). The Democrat, who opposed the law in the legislature, commented:

"I believe our society should be concerned with protecting

and preserving life, not destroying it."

His opponent, Nicholas Santoro, also wants to repeal the law. "In addition to serious moral arguments against the bill, it has become clear that the law has created an administrative monstrosity, has denied fundamental constitutional rights of many and has raised serious questions in the fiscal area of social welfare."

Conservative Daniel B. Karpowicz did not answer.

In the 132nd district, (part of Monroe), incumbent Republican S. William Rosenberg, who voted for the bill in the legislature, would reform it "to establish a residency requirement" and would consider "lowering the 24-week period."

Stanley C. Marcus, the Democrat-Liberal, didn't take a particular position, waiting to see how the law works over a trial period.

The Conservative candidate, Dr. Carl R. Hagen, would retain the law as "a big improvement on the previously existing situation."

Repeal was advocated by Frank A. Carroll, Republican-Conservative incumbent from Monroe County's 133rd district.

Carroll, who voted against the bill, proposed action unique in the survey. Stating, "I believe in the right to live, not the right to murder," Carroll said that nonetheless "from a political standpoint, the issue should not be decided by the legislature but by the people. I favor a referendum."

His opponent, R. Michael Fitzpatrick, Democrat - Liberal, is "personally opposed to abortion" but "I do not see the likelihood of repeal at this time so I would devote my efforts to reform." He would tighten the time limit restrictions and give husbands a voice in the decision.

In Monroe County's 134th district, Republican incumbent William M. Steinfeldt said he would reform some and retain some of the law.

"During the 1970 session, I voted for amendments to reduce the time period. . . if abuses develop I would vote for legislation to correct them."

His Democrat-Liberal opponent, John A. Damico, urges reform of the "far too liberal" law. "The old law was archaic and needed change but the resulting law was too hastily drawn. . . it should be thoroughly reviewed."

The third man in the 134th race, Conservative Philip B. Magitz strongly urges repeal because "I believe in the civil right of the child to live. The present abortion law — it's murder."

In the 135th district (Orleans, part of Monroe), incumbent Republican Don W. Cook, favors reform. He would revise parts of the present law, such as the 24-week time limit and wants a residency requirement.

Reform of the residency and time-limit features are also advocated by Conservative Eugene Walker in the 135th. Walker also urges that any woman wanting an abortion be required to attend a family planning clinic.

Robert Cunningham, Liberal, calls for repeal of the law, saying, "I do not believe the state should legislate morality."

Democrat John B. Wright did not answer.

In the 136th district (Livingston, Genesee), Republican incumbent James Emery, who voted against the bill in the 1970 legislature, urges repeal; but if that's not possible, then reform.

Emery's opponent, Democrat-Liberal John P. Scopano did not answer.

State Assembly Roundup

122nd DISTRICT

(The Counties of Cayuga and Cortland)

Riford (Rep.) Reform
Rossi (Dem.) Repeal
Fox (Cons.) Reform
Michaels (Lib.) Reform

125th DISTRICT

(The Counties of Tioga and Tompkins)

Cook (Rep.) Retain
De Wysocki (Dem.) Reform

126th DISTRICT

(Chemung County)

Marshall (Rep.-Cons.) Reform
Karam (Dem.) No Comment

127th DISTRICT

(Steuben County)

Henderson (Rep.-Cons.) (unopposed) No Comment

128th DISTRICT

(The Counties of Ontario, Schuyler and Yates)

Warder (Rep.) No Comment
Pitcher (Dem.) Reform
Emmick (Cons.) Reform

129th DISTRICT

(The Counties of Seneca and Wayne)

Finley (Rep.-Cons.) Reform
Bonafiglia (Dem.) Reform

130th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe County)

Shoemaker (Rep.) No Comment
Slade (Dem.-Lib.) Reform
Popowich (Cons.) Reform

131st DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe County)

Santoro (Rep.) Repeal
Lill (Dem.-Lib.) Repeal
Karpowicz (Cons.) No Comment

132nd DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe County)

Rosenberg (Rep.) Reform
Marcus (Dem.-Lib.) Commented
Hagen (Cons.) Retain

133rd DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe County)

Carroll (Rep.-Cons.) Repeal
Fitzpatrick (Dem.-Lib.) Reform

134th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe County)

Steinfeldt (Rep.) Reform/Retain
Damico (Dem.-Lib.) Reform
Magitz (Cons.) Repeal

135th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe County and Orleans County)

Cook (Rep.) Reform
Wright (Dem.) No Comment
Walker (Cons.) Reform
Cunningham (Lib.) Repeal

136th DISTRICT

(Genesee and Livingston Counties)

Emery (Rep.) Repeal/Reform
Scopano (Dem.-Lib.) No Comment

Candidates Split

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Two want reform and two repeal.

For the seat from the 33rd Congressional District, Southern Tier voters will choose between Howard Robison, the Republican candidate, who made no comment, and Democrat-Liberal David Bernstein, who favors retention of the law.

Bernstein told the Courier: "I know that many Roman Catholics oppose abortion on religious grounds, and I oppose any action by the state that would compel a person to violate his faith. Abortion is a matter of personal conscience and decision under the present law and that is as it should be."

Both the Republican-Conservative and the Democrat candidates from the 34th Congressional District favor repeal of the present law.

John Terry (Rep.-Cons.), recalling his experience in the state Legislature, noted: "I have fought vigorously against the proposed liberalization and was recorded in opposition to any change that would weaken the life structure." Democrat Neal McCurn also favors repeal of the law but did not elaborate.

Of the four candidates in the 36th District, incumbent Republican Frank Horton, Democrat Jordan Pappas, Conservative

David Hampson, and Liberal Morley Schloss, only Schloss responded.

Schloss stated he favors retention of the present law and added: "Abortions like all medical care . . . should be available at no charge as part of a national health insurance program for all citizens, financed out of tax revenue. An international birth control program including the encouragement of contraception and the availability of abortion is essential for the survival of mankind with any form of humane existence."

Neither incumbent Republican Barber Conable, nor Conservative Keith Wallis of the 37th District answered the survey. But from the same district Liberal-Democrat Richard Anderson stated he favors retention of the law.

In the 38th District, both James Hastings, the Republican-Conservative candidate, and James Cretkos, the Democrat candidate, favor reform.

Hastings feels the law is too liberal. He added: "I feel abortion should be performed only in the event of rape or incest, to save the life of the mother, or to prevent the birth of a deformed child."

Cretkos stated: "It should never be too easy to secure an abortion. I believe New York State's regulation should be more stringent."

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The abortion question . . . at a glance

THE TOTAL RESULTS

Number of candidates surveyed	74
Those in favor of reform	25
Those in favor of repeal	17
Those in favor of retention	6
No comment	21
Commented but no specific position	5

U.S. CANDIDATES

Number surveyed	16
In favor of reform	3
In favor of repeal	3
In favor of retention	3
No comment	7

STATE GENERAL OFFICES

Number of candidates surveyed	12
In favor of reform	0
In favor of repeal	5
In favor of retention	0
No comment	4
Commented but no specific position	3

STATE SENATE

Number surveyed	12
In favor of reform	5
In favor of repeal	2
In favor of retention	1
No comment	3
Commented but no specific position	1

STATE ASSEMBLY

Number surveyed	34
In favor of reform	17
In favor of repeal	7
In favor of retention	2
No comment	7
Commented but no specific position	1