

Sen. Smith: Senate Democrats introduce referendum on choice

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MADISON - Today, Senate Democrats in the Wisconsin State Senate introduced an amendment to place a referendum on the 2023 spring election ballot asking Wisconsinites whether they support repealing Wisconsin's 1849 criminal abortion ban. The amendment would have replaced an amendment introduced by legislative Republicans regarding work requirements for public benefits, a politically-motivated measure the Republican legislature already passed five years ago in 2018.

"Republicans lost last fall because they failed to take action on abortion," Assistant Democratic Leader Senator Jeff Smith (D-New Brunswick) said. "They would rather play politics with superfluous referenda questions while women are left questioning why it has taken this long to have their healthcare rights restored. An advisory referendum to repeal the 1849 abortion ban is a bipartisan approach that will bring Wisconsin into the 21st century."

The 31st Senate District includes all of Buffalo, Pepin and Trempealeau counties and portions of Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson and St. Croix counties.