

Idaho Supreme Court to allow near-total abortion ban

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The new law criminalizes abortions just six weeks into a pregnancy and makes it a felony to perform an abortion — with limited exceptions for cases of rape, incest or medical emergency. Idaho's abortion ban

still faces a legal challenge from the Department of Justice in a federal court.

In other news, Kansas's secretary of state has signed off on a hand recount of ballots cast on August 2, when voters overwhelmingly rejected a referendum that would have removed reproductive rights from the Kansas Constitution.

The recount was requested by a private citizen who has spread baseless conspiracy theories about the 2020 election; it will be paid for by anti-abortion activists. The recount is unlikely to change the outcome of the election, which saw Kansans affirm abortion rights by a 165,000-vote margin.

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