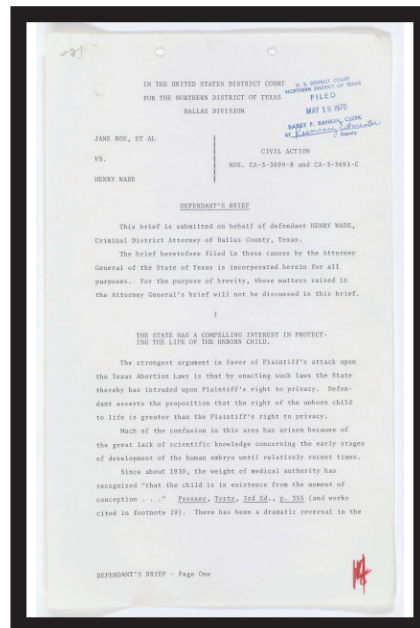


# A Change in *Direction*

A timeline of  
over 50 years of  
abortion history

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On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 to overturn the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision. Before June, access to abortion was considered a federal constitutional right. There's been a history regarding abortion before and after the overturning *Roe v. Wade*, with dueling groups of people that are anti-abortion or believe in abortion rights. After it was overturned, it gave the states the right to regulate — or ban abortion entirely. Indiana is one of states with new laws regarding abortion. Here is a list of events that lead to the eventual overturning.



Defendant Henry Wade's brief in *Roe v. Wade*  
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## 1970

**May 18**

Jane *Roe v. Henry Wade* filed on behalf of Wade in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas Dallas Division.

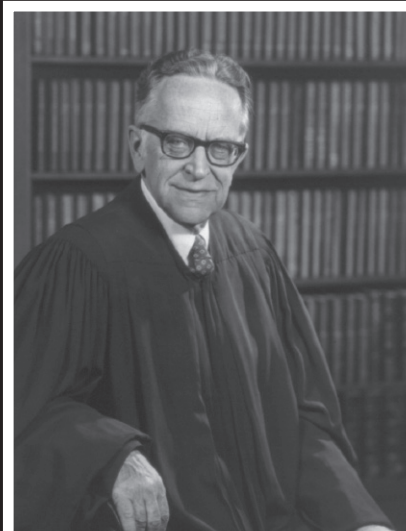
**May 22**

Roe filed a lawsuit against the local District Attorney Henry Wade, claiming abortion laws were unconstitutional. A three-judge panel in the U.S. District Court ruled in her favor.

## 1971

The Supreme Court agreed to hear *Roe's* case.

## 1973



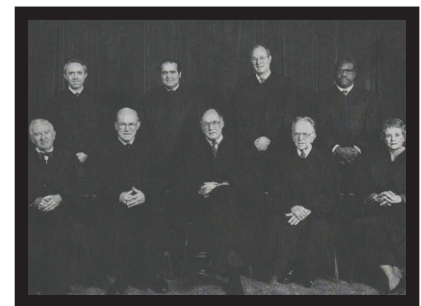
Justice Harry A. Blackmun, author of the majority opinion in *Roe v. Wade*, sits in a chair. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, PHOTO COURTESY

**January 22**

The Supreme Court issued a 7-2 decision in favor of *Roe*, holding that women have the constitutional right to an abortion under the 14th Amendment.

## 1976

The Hyde Amendment passes, prohibiting government funds from being spent on abortion services except for rape, incest or life-threatening situations.



The 1991 to 1992 Rehnquist Court sit for a picture.  
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## 1992

**June 29**

The Supreme Court ruled on the case of *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern, PA v. Casey* in a 5-4 decision. The case placed new limits on the right to state-level abortion restrictions in Pennsylvania.

# 2022

## May 2

A Politico report details a leaked Supreme Court draft opinion indicating the Court would overturn Roe v. Wade.



The Supreme Court as composed October 27, 2020 to June 30, 2022. COLLECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, PHOTO COURTESY

## June 24

The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to uphold Mississippi's law, with the decision to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision with a 5-4 vote. Abortion laws are now left for the states to decide.

## July 25

A special session called for Gov. Eric Holcomb's taxpayer refund and to have the House and Senate look at new regulations on abortion for Indiana.



At the Indiana Statehouse on July 25, anti-abortion and abortion-right protestors gather around the statehouse. INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE, PHOTO PROVIDED

## August 5

SB 1, a ban on abortion with exceptions for rape and incest, serious health complications for the pregnant person and "lethal fetal anomaly," passed through the House and Indiana Senate, and SB 1 is signed by Gov. Eric Holcomb.



Hoosiers gather outside the Indiana House expressing their opinions on the future law of abortion for Indiana. Indiana is the first abortion ban to take effect after the overturning. INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE, PHOTO PROVIDED

## September 15

SB 1 takes effect in Indiana.

Special Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)(ss)  
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### SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 1(ss)

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-1.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022]. See: 1-5; (a) "Abortion clinic" for purposes of IC 16-21-2; IC 16-24-2-4.7; IC 16-24-3; and IC 16-41-16; means a health care provider (as defined in section 16-21-2) of this chapter) that:

(1) performs surgical abortion procedures; or  
 (2) beginning January 1, 2014, provides an abortion inducing drug for the purpose of inducing an abortion;  
 (b) The term does not include the following:  
 (1) A hospital that is licensed as a hospital under IC 16-21-2;  
 (2) An ambulatory outpatient surgical center that is licensed as an ambulatory outpatient surgical center under IC 16-21-2;  
 (3) A health care provider that provides, prescribes, administers, or dispenses an abortion inducing drug to fewer than five (5) patients per year for the purposes of inducing an abortion;

SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-9.4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022]. See: 9-4; "Affiliate" for purposes of IC 16-21-2-11; means any person who directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control of another person;

SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2019, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022]: Sec. 14. (a) "Ambulatory outpatient surgical

The first page of Senate Enrolled Act No. 1 (SB 1)  
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[kff.gov](https://www.kff.gov), [Politico](https://www.politico.com), [in.gov](https://www.in.gov)

# 2021

## December 1

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization was brought to the Supreme Court, a case dealing with a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks.