

Arkansas lawmakers have taken steps to consider a near-total ban on abortion in the state. Resolutions filed today (Wed) aim to extend the current legislative session by 15 days for the sole purpose of voting on identical versions of an abortion ban. The bills, filed by Republican Sen. Jason Rapert of Conway and Rep. Mary Bentley of Perryville, would ban the procedure except to save the life of a parent. Lawmakers could take action to extend the session as soon as tomorrow (Thurs).