



Louisiana Pro-Life Amendment Coalition

CHURCHES ARE FREE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT!

Overview of Federal and State Law

Churches Are Free To Advocate For the Love Life Constitutional Amendment

- A 501(c)(3) organization, including a church, is allowed to engage in an “insubstantial” amount of lobbying. IRS defines lobbying to include advocacy for or against a ballot referendum for a constitutional amendment.

Advocacy on the Amendment Must Be “Insubstantial” As It Relates to all of a Church’s Activities

- The requirement that lobbying must be “insubstantial” means that all a 501(c)(3)’s lobbying has to be no more than 15 percent of a 501(c)(3)’s total expenditures for the year, considering the time and effort expended on the advocacy, the use of facilities and property, and the amount of information disseminated.

Things a Church Can Do to Advocate for the Love Life Amendment

- Tell their congregation to vote yes on the Love Life Amendment, whether from the pulpit or in church communications.
- Encourage petition signatures and for members to contact their legislators.
- Distribute literature to church members about the amendment, whether printed by the church or provided by another organization.
- Show a Love Life Amendment video to their congregation.
- Invite supporters of the Amendment to speak to the congregation.
- Put a sign in front of the church supporting the amendment.
- Communicate to the general public, urging them to support the Love Life Amendment.
- And Much More!

If Spending \$1,000 or More, a Church Must Report the Expenditure

- According to Louisiana law, any church, person, or organization (other than a political committee) who solicits or receives any contributions or makes any expenditures in support of, or opposition to, a constitutional amendment is required to file a Louisiana Campaign Finance Ethics Report after they receive a contributions or make an expenditures which equals or exceeds \$1,000. Contact us for further information.

The Louisiana Pro-Life Amendment Coalition is available to provide further information on these matters or direct you to others who can assist.

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