

Session

Abortion/Welfare Referendum

WI Examiner - [Senate advances bail constitutional amendment, welfare work requirement referendum](#)

“Gov. Tony Evers alongside Democratic lawmakers offered an alternative referendum just hours before the floor session, renewing their calls to ask voters about Wisconsin’s abortion ban. [...] “You all know as well as we do that if we put this on the spring ballot, it would pass overwhelmingly,” Agard said during floor debate. “You all know that if people were asked clearly if they want to restore abortion rights in Wisconsin, they will respond with a resounding ‘Hell yes.’” Republican lawmakers swiftly shut the amendment down.”

WQOW - [Senate advances amendment changing state's bail laws](#)

“Democrats who opposed the measure described it as a half-baked plan that failed to fully address public safety concerns and risked worsening racial disparities in the state's incarceration rate. Sen. Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) was among the lawmakers who called for the outright elimination of cash bail. Instead, Taylor said commissioners should simply be able to decide, yes or no, if releasing a defendant pre-trial put the public at risk.”

AP – [Wisconsin Senate OKs welfare vote, nixes Evers’ abortion ask](#)

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Washington Post (AP) – [Wisconsin Senate OKs welfare vote, nixes Evers' abortion ask](#)

PBS WI (AP) - [Wisconsin Senate approves welfare referendum, rejects ballot question on abortion promoted by Evers](#)

“The advisory referendum from Republicans seeks to ask voters about work-search requirements for welfare, while Democrats argued the Legislature have set an April referendum on the state's abortion law.”

SpectrumNews1 (AP) - [Wisconsin Senate OKs welfare vote, nixes Evers’ abortion ask](#) Republican Wisconsin lawmakers on Tuesday rejected calls from Gov. Tony Evers and other Democrats to ask voters whether the state should continue to ban abortions, opting instead to advance a ballot question on welfare eligibility.

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Milwaukee Record - [Gov. Evers, Democrats call for advisory referendum on Wisconsin’s criminal abortion ban on April 2023 ballot](#) “On the eve of the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we are here again today to reaffirm that we will never stop fighting for Wisconsin women and reproductive freedom, and that includes working to ensure the people of Wisconsin have the opportunity to weigh in as to whether Wisconsin should overturn our 1800s-era criminal abortion ban and restore protections under Roe,” said Gov. Evers.”

WISN12 - [GOP rejects Democrats proposal to place abortion ban advisory question on April ballot](#)

Hours before the state Senate is set to convene for the first time this year, Gov. Tony Evers and legislative Democrats announced another attempt in their effort to overturn the state’s 1849 abortion ban.

Truthout – [Wisconsin Democrats Push for Abortion Referendum in Upcoming Spring Election](#)

Since the end of Roe v. Wade last summer, an abortion statute from 1849 has banned nearly all abortions in Wisconsin. Democratic lawmakers in Wisconsin pushed for a nonbinding referendum question on abortion to be included on the spring ballot this April, hoping that doing so would show anti-abortion Republicans, who control the state legislature, that residents of the state support the recognition and protection of abortion rights.

WTMJ - [Wisconsin Senate passes cash bail amendment; heads to Assembly](#)

The Wisconsin Assembly is voting on the measure on Thursday. From there the proposal heads to the April 4 ballot.

CBS Minnesota - [Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers: Legislature should seek vote on abortion, not welfare](#)

Evers and Democrats said the Legislature should be focused on restoring abortion rights, which they predicted would have broad support, citing polling data showing a majority of the state's residents support for legal abortions. Democrats on Tuesday planned to try to substitute the welfare question with a vote on the state's abortion ban, but the Republican-controlled Legislature is almost certain to reject it. "Legislative Republicans continue to ignore the will of the people," said Democratic Senate Minority Leader Melissa Agard.

SpectrumNews - [Wisconsin Democrats and Republicans race to put referenda on April's ballot](#)

Wisconsin voters could be faced with a couple of questions on their ballot in the upcoming April election. Democrats and Republicans want to ask about different issues. However, not everything proposed made the cut following floor session Tuesday. Both parties were up against the clock with just a week to get their advisory referenda on the ballot. Republicans pushed for a question on welfare reform, while Democrats wanted to ask voters about abortion rights. Each effort came last-minute as Republicans announced theirs Friday and Democrats held a press conference Tuesday.