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## Sen. Bartle and Rep. Lembke Propose Genuine Cloning Ban

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JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Matt Bartle, R-Lee’s Summit, and Rep. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis today announced they will file senate and house resolutions to place on the ballot a genuine ban on human cloning in Missouri.

“Sen. Bartle and I are proud to introduce joint resolutions that will give Missouri voters an opportunity to make sure human beings are not cloned in Missouri.” Lembke said. “Current Missouri law contains gaping loopholes that allow scientists to clone human beings.”

“We know that most Missourians do not want to constitutionally protect human cloning, and they certainly don’t want their tax dollars paying for it. What we are proposing today is a genuine ban on human cloning,” said Sen. Bartle.

“Missouri law specifically allows scientists to use the same exact procedure that was used to clone Dolly the Sheep,” Lembke said, “We believe that, when given the opportunity, Missourians will vote overwhelmingly to permanently ban human cloning.” Upon approval of the legislature, the proposed amendment would be placed before the voters who would be asked to approve the change to the Missouri Constitution to ban all forms of human cloning, including using somatic cell nuclear transfer, the procedure that was used by British scientists to clone “Dolly the Sheep”.

Bartle and Lembke are filing the joint resolutions outlawing the practice of cloning in the legislative session beginning January 3 in Jefferson City. “Unless we close these massive loopholes in Missouri law, human cloning will take place in Missouri in the foreseeable future,” said Bartle. “We need to take steps now to close these loopholes.”

***TEXT OF THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE IS POSTED AT [www.senate.mo.gov/bartle](http://www.senate.mo.gov/bartle)***