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Oklahoma Court Says Abortion Laws are Unconstitutional

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The Oklahoma Supreme Court says two anti-abortion laws recently passed by the Legislature are "facially unconstitutional" and that lower court judges were right to prevent their enforcement.

One law would have required that women seeking an abortion be given an ultrasound image while listening to a description of the fetus. The other restricted the off-label use of certain abortion-inducing drugs.

The laws had received bipartisan support in the Legislature but were challenged by the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights. Oklahoma County judges prohibited their enforcement pending a resolution of the court case.

The state's highest court handed down rulings in separate decisions Tuesday.

The ultrasound bill was approved in 2010 and the drug-related case passed the Legislature in 2011.

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