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Arkansas Abortion-Limit Challenge Speeds National Fight

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Two Arkansas doctors sued the state over a law restricting the availability of abortions after the first 12 weeks of pregnancy in a complaint filed in Little Rock federal court, the latest in a series of challenges to a new set of abortion restrictions.

In the past several years, conservative state politicians have initiated a frontal assault on federal protections of abortion rights enshrined in U.S. Supreme Court precedent, with new laws passed from Idaho to North Dakota to Arkansas.