

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2193

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to capital punishment; creating a
8 task force to study capital punishment; requiring
9 certain moratorium; providing expiration date;
10 setting duties of certain task force; setting
11 membership of certain task force; directing selection
12 of chair and vice chair of certain task force;
13 permitting certain meetings; directing certain
14 compensation; requiring certain report; providing for
15 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created until January 1, 2009, the Task
21 Force on the Investigation of Capital Punishment in Oklahoma. The
22 task force shall study the extent to which Oklahoma's system of
23 capital punishment, as presently administered, meets the
24 constitutional standards set forth in Supreme Court decisions and
whether Oklahoma's utilization of the death penalty is imposed in
ways that are arbitrary, capricious, or that disproportionately
impact racial minorities. The State of Oklahoma shall observe a

1 moratorium on the death penalty during the time period of the study,
2 which shall be from the date of enactment of this legislation until
3 no later than December 31, 2009.

4 B. The task force shall be composed of eight (8) members as
5 follows:

6 1. Four members appointed by the President and Co-President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate; and

8 2. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives.

10 C. The Co-Presidents Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
11 of the House Representatives shall set the first meeting of the task
12 force. The chair and vice chair of the task force shall be selected
13 by the task force from among the members of the task force. The
14 task force may meet as often as necessary to perform the duties
15 imposed upon it. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
16 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
17 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 D. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
20 staffs of the Senate and the House of Representatives. A quorum of
21 the task force shall be required for any final action, and shall
22 report its findings and recommendations to the Co-Presidents Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives by November 30, 2008.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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