

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2333

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to capital punishment; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1014, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 75, O.S.L. 2015 (22 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1014), which relates to manner of inflicting punishment of death; specifying classes of drugs for administering punishment of death; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1014, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 75, O.S.L. 2015 (22 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1014), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1014. A. The punishment of death shall be carried out by the administration of a lethal quantity of a drug or drugs until death is pronounced by a licensed physician according to accepted standards of medical practice. Drugs from the following classes may be used at the combination and doses determined by the medical director of the Department of Corrections:

1. Paralytics;

2. Benzodiazepines;

1       3. Potassium solutions; and

2       4. Opiates.

3       The drugs chosen for administration to effect death may vary from  
4       execution to execution depending on the availability of the drugs at  
5       the time such drugs are needed.

6           B. If the execution of the sentence of death as provided in  
7       subsection A of this section is held unconstitutional by an  
8       appellate court of competent jurisdiction or is otherwise  
9       unavailable, then the sentence of death shall be carried out by  
10       nitrogen hypoxia.

11           C. If the execution of the sentence of death as provided in  
12       subsections A and B of this section is held unconstitutional by an  
13       appellate court of competent jurisdiction or is otherwise  
14       unavailable, then the sentence of death shall be carried out by  
15       electrocution.

16           D. If the execution of the sentence of death as provided in  
17       subsections A, B and C of this section is held unconstitutional by  
18       an appellate court of competent jurisdiction or is otherwise  
19       unavailable, then the sentence of death shall be carried out by  
20       firing squad.

21       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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