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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1014, which relates to the manner of inflicting punishment of death; providing alternative method for inflicting 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, 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.

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

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<u>C.</u> If the execution of the sentence of death as provided in <u>subsection</u> <u>subsections</u> A <u>and B</u> of this section is held unconstitutional by an appellate court of competent jurisdiction <u>or</u> <u>is otherwise unavailable</u>, then the sentence of death shall be carried out by electrocution.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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