

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3635

By: McDugle

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to capital punishment; establishing moratorium on capital punishment; making moratorium applicable to certain persons; stating duration of moratorium; providing for the continuation of certain court proceedings; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1016.1 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A moratorium is hereby established on the imposition of capital punishment in the state of Oklahoma. Said moratorium shall apply to any person who has previously been convicted under the laws of this state and received a sentence of death.

B. Said moratorium shall remain in effect until the recommendations of the Oklahoma Death Penalty Review Commission have been enacted into state law.

C. All other matters related to sentences of death, including the filing and trying capital punishment cases, sentencing

1 proceedings, imposing sentences of death, appeals, and habeas
2 reviews, shall not be affected by the provisions of this act.

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

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