
SENATE BILL 5500

State of Washington 54th Legislature 1995 Regular Session

By Senators Smith, Long and Gaspard; by request of Attorney General

Read first time 01/25/95. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

1 AN ACT Relating to the method of execution; amending RCW 10.95.180;
2 and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.95.180 and 1986 c 194 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The punishment of death shall be supervised by the
7 superintendent of the penitentiary and shall be inflicted (~~either by~~
8 ~~hanging by the neck or, at the election of the defendant,~~) by
9 intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity
10 sufficient to cause death and until the defendant is dead, or, at the
11 election of the defendant, by hanging by the neck until the defendant
12 is dead. In any case, death shall be pronounced by a licensed
13 physician.

14 (2) All executions, for both men and women, shall be carried out
15 within the walls of the state penitentiary.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
17 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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