ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 149-ASSEMBLYMAN FUMO

FEBRUARY 15, 2019

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Abolishes capital punishment. (BDR 15-774)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to crimes; abolishing the imposition of a sentence of death on a person convicted of first degree murder; amending or repealing related statutes pertaining to the existence, imposition and execution of a sentence of death on a person convicted of first degree murder; reducing the sentence of any person sentenced to death to a sentence of imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides that a sentence of death may be imposed on a person convicted of first degree murder under certain circumstances. (NRS 200.030) Section 1 of this bill eliminates the possibility of the imposition of a sentence of death on a person convicted of first degree murder. Section 45 of this bill reduces the sentence of any person sentenced to death to a sentence of imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole. Sections 2-41 and 44 of this bill make conforming changes.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 193.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 193.120 1. A crime is an act or omission forbidden by law
 and punishable upon conviction by [death,] imprisonment, fine or
 other penal discipline.





1 2. Every crime [which may be punished by death or] 2 *punishable* by imprisonment in the state prison is a felony.

3 3. Every crime punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, 4 or by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months, is a 5 misdemeanor.

6 7 4. Every other crime is a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. NRS 193.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 193.130 1. Except when a person is convicted of a category 9 A felony, and except as otherwise provided by specific statute, a person convicted of a felony shall be sentenced to a minimum term 10 and a maximum term of imprisonment which must be within the 11 12 limits prescribed by the applicable statute, unless the statute in force 13 at the time of commission of the felony prescribed a different 14 penalty. The minimum term of imprisonment that may be imposed 15 must not exceed 40 percent of the maximum term imposed.

16 2. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, for each 17 felony committed on or after [July 1, 1995:] the effective date of 18 this act:

(a) A category A felony is a felony for which a sentence of
[death or] imprisonment in the state prison for life with or without
the possibility of parole may be imposed, as provided by specific
statute.

(b) A category B felony is a felony for which the minimum term
of imprisonment in the state prison that may be imposed is not less
than 1 year and the maximum term of imprisonment that may be
imposed is not more than 20 years, as provided by specific statute.

(c) A category C felony is a felony for which a court shall sentence a convicted person to imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 5 years. In addition to any other penalty, the court may impose a fine of not more than \$10,000, unless a greater fine is authorized or required by statute.

(d) A category D felony is a felony for which a court shall
sentence a convicted person to imprisonment in the state prison for a
minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
more than 4 years. In addition to any other penalty, the court may
impose a fine of not more than \$5,000, unless a greater fine is
authorized or required by statute.

(e) A category E felony is a felony for which a court shall sentence a convicted person to imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 4 years. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 176A.100, upon sentencing a person who is found guilty of a category E felony, the court shall suspend the execution of the sentence and grant probation to the person upon





1 such conditions as the court deems appropriate. Such conditions of 2 probation may include, but are not limited to, requiring the person to 3 serve a term of confinement of not more than 1 year in the county 4 jail. In addition to any other penalty, the court may impose a fine of 5 not more than \$5,000, unless a greater penalty is authorized or 6 required by statute. 7

Sec. 3. NRS 194.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 194.010 All persons are liable to punishment except those 9 belonging to the following classes:

Children under the age of 8 years. 1.

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2. Children between the ages of 8 years and 10 years, unless 11 12 the child is charged with murder or a sexual offense as defined in 13 NRS 62F.100.

14 3. Children between the ages of 8 years and 14 years, in the 15 absence of clear proof that at the time of committing the act charged 16 against them they knew its wrongfulness.

17 Persons who committed the act charged or made the 4. 18 omission charged in a state of insanity.

19 Persons who committed the act or made the omission 5. 20 charged under an ignorance or mistake of fact, which disproves any 21 criminal intent, where a specific intent is required to constitute the 22 offense.

23 6. Persons who committed the act charged without being 24 conscious thereof.

25 7. Persons who committed the act or made the omission 26 charged, through misfortune or by accident, when it appears that 27 there was no evil design, intention or culpable negligence.

28 8. Persons, unless the crime is **[punishable with death,]** murder 29 of the first degree, who committed the act or made the omission 30 charged under threats or menaces sufficient to show that they had reasonable cause to believe, and did believe, their lives would be 31 32 endangered if they refused, or that they would suffer great bodily 33 harm.

NRS 200.030 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 4.

200.030 1. Murder of the first degree is murder which is:

36 (a) Perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait or torture, or 37 by any other kind of willful, deliberate and premeditated killing;

38 (b) Committed in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of 39 sexual assault, kidnapping, arson, robbery, burglary, invasion of the 40 home, sexual abuse of a child, sexual molestation of a child under the age of 14 years, child abuse or abuse of an older person or 41 42 vulnerable person pursuant to NRS 200.5099;

43 (c) Committed to avoid or prevent the lawful arrest of any 44 person by a peace officer or to effect the escape of any person from 45 legal custody;





1 (d) Committed on the property of a public or private school, at an activity sponsored by a public or private school or on a school 2 3 bus while the bus was engaged in its official duties by a person who 4 intended to create a great risk of death or substantial bodily harm to 5 more than one person by means of a weapon, device or course of 6 action that would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than 7 one person; or

8 (e) Committed in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of 9 an act of terrorism.

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Murder of the second degree is all other kinds of murder. 2.

3. 11 The jury before whom any person indicted for murder is 12 tried shall, if they find the person guilty thereof, designate by their 13 verdict whether the person is guilty of murder of the first or second 14 degree.

15 4. A person convicted of murder of the first degree is guilty of 16 a category A felony and shall be punished [:

(a) By death, only if one or more aggravating circumstances are 17 18 found and any mitigating circumstance or circumstances which are

19 found do not outweigh the aggravating circumstance or

circumstances, unless a court has made a finding pursuant to NRS 20

21 174.098 that the defendant is a person with an intellectual disability

22 and has stricken the notice of intent to seek the death penalty; or (b) By imprisonment in the state prison:

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(1) (a) For life without the possibility of parole;

25 (2) (b) For life with the possibility of parole, with 26 eligibility for parole beginning when a minimum of 20 years has 27 been served: or

28 (3) (c) For a definite term of 50 years, with eligibility for 29 parole beginning when a minimum of 20 years has been served.

 $F \rightarrow A$ determination of whether aggravating circumstances exist is 30 31 not necessary to fix the penalty at imprisonment for life with or 32 without the possibility of parole.]

33 A person convicted of murder of the second degree is guilty 34 of a category A felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the 35 state prison:

(a) For life with the possibility of parole, with eligibility for 36 37 parole beginning when a minimum of 10 years has been served; or

38 (b) For a definite term of 25 years, with eligibility for parole 39 beginning when a minimum of 10 years has been served. 40

As used in this section: 6.

41 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 NRS 202.4415:

43 (b) "Child abuse" means physical injury of a nonaccidental 44 nature to a child under the age of 18 years;

45 (c) "School bus" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 483.160;





1 (d) "Sexual abuse of a child" means any of the acts described in 2 NRS 432B.100: and

3 (e) "Sexual molestation" means any willful and lewd or 4 lascivious act, other than acts constituting the crime of sexual 5 assault, upon or with the body, or any part or member thereof, of a 6 child under the age of 14 years, with the intent of arousing, 7 appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions or sexual desires of the 8 perpetrator or of the child.

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Sec. 5. NRS 7.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Except as limited by subsections 2, 3 and 4, an 10 7.125 1. attorney, other than a public defender, who is appointed by a 11 12 magistrate or a district court to represent or defend a defendant at 13 any stage of the criminal proceedings from the defendant's initial 14 appearance before the magistrate or the district court through the 15 appeal, if any, is entitled to receive a fee for court appearances and 16 other time reasonably spent on the matter to which the appointment 17 is made of [\$125 per hour in cases in which the death penalty is 18 sought and \$100 per hour. [in all other cases.] Except for cases in 19 which the most serious crime is a felony punishable [by death or] by imprisonment for life with or without possibility of parole, this 20 21 subsection does not preclude a governmental entity from contracting 22 with a private attorney who agrees to provide such services for a 23 lesser rate of compensation.

24 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the total fee 2. 25 for each attorney in any matter regardless of the number of offenses 26 charged or ancillary matters pursued must not exceed:

27 (a) If the most serious crime is a felony punishable [by death or] 28 by imprisonment for life with or without possibility of parole, 29 \$20,000;

30 (b) If the most serious crime is a felony other than a felony 31 included in paragraph (a) or is a gross misdemeanor, \$2,500;

32 (c) If the most serious crime is a misdemeanor, \$750;

33 (d) For an appeal of one or more misdemeanor convictions, 34 \$750; or

35 (e) For an appeal of one or more gross misdemeanor or felony 36 convictions, \$2,500.

37 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, an attorney 3. 38 appointed by a district court to represent an indigent petitioner for a 39 writ of habeas corpus or other postconviction relief, if the petitioner 40 is imprisoned pursuant to a judgment of conviction of a gross 41 misdemeanor or felony, is entitled to be paid a fee not to exceed 42 \$750. 43

If the appointing court because of: 4.

44 (a) The complexity of a case or the number of its factual or legal 45 issues;





- 1 (b) The severity of the offense; 2 (c) The time necessary to provid
 - (c) The time necessary to provide an adequate defense; or
 - (d) Other special circumstances,

4 \rightarrow deems it appropriate to grant a fee in excess of the applicable 5 maximum, the payment must be made, but only if the court in which 6 the representation was rendered certifies that the amount of the 7 excess payment is both reasonable and necessary and the payment is 8 approved by the presiding judge of the judicial district in which the 9 attorney was appointed, or if there is no such presiding judge or if he or she presided over the court in which the representation was 10 rendered, then by the district judge who holds seniority in years of 11 12 service in office.

5. The magistrate, the district court, the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court may, in the interests of justice, substitute one appointed attorney for another at any stage of the proceedings, but the total amount of fees granted to all appointed attorneys must not exceed those allowable if but one attorney represented or defended the defendant at all stages of the criminal proceeding.

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Sec. 6. NRS 34.724 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 34.724 Any person convicted of a crime and under 1. 21 sentence of [death or] imprisonment who claims that the conviction 22 was obtained, or that the sentence was imposed, in violation of the 23 Constitution of the United States or the Constitution or laws of this 24 State, or who claims that the time the person has served pursuant to the judgment of conviction has been improperly computed, may, 25 26 without paying a filing fee, file a postconviction petition for a writ 27 of habeas corpus to obtain relief from the conviction or sentence or 28 to challenge the computation of time that the person has served.

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2. Such a petition:

(a) Is not a substitute for and does not affect any remedies which
 are incident to the proceedings in the trial court or the remedy of
 direct review of the sentence or conviction.

(b) Comprehends and takes the place of all other common-law,
statutory or other remedies which have been available for
challenging the validity of the conviction or sentence, and must be
used exclusively in place of them.

(c) Is the only remedy available to an incarcerated person to
challenge the computation of time that the person has served
pursuant to a judgment of conviction.

3. For the purposes of this section, a motion to withdraw a plea
of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere pursuant to NRS
176.165 that is made after sentence is imposed or imposition of
sentence is suspended is a remedy which is incident to the
proceedings in the trial court if:





1 (a) The person has not filed a prior motion to withdraw the plea 2 and has not filed a prior postconviction petition for a writ of habeas 3 corpus: (b) The motion is filed within 1 year after the date on which the 4 person was convicted, unless the person pleads specific facts 5 6 demonstrating that some impediment external to the defense 7 precluded bringing the motion earlier; 8 (c) At the time the person files the motion to withdraw the plea, the person is not incarcerated for the charge for which the person 9 entered the plea; and 10 11 (d) The motion is not barred by the doctrine of laches. A motion 12 filed more than 5 years after the date on which the person was 13 convicted creates a rebuttable presumption of prejudice to the State 14 on the basis of laches. 4. The court shall not appoint counsel to represent a person for 15 16 the purpose of subsection 3. 17 **Sec. 7.** NRS 34.735 is hereby amended to read as follows: A petition must be in substantially the following form, 18 34.735 with appropriate modifications if the petition is filed in the Court of 19 20 Appeals or the Supreme Court: 21 22 Case No. 23 Dept. No. 24 IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 25 26 OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF..... 27 28 29 30 Petitioner, 31 32 PETITION FOR WRIT v. OF HABEAS CORPUS 33 (POSTCONVICTION) 34 35 36 Respondent. 37 **INSTRUCTIONS:** 38 (1) This petition must be legibly handwritten or 39 typewritten, signed by the petitioner and verified. 40 (2) Additional pages are not permitted except where noted 41 42

or with respect to the facts which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.

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(3) If you want an attorney appointed, you must complete the Affidavit in Support of Request to Proceed in Forma Pauperis. You must have an authorized officer at the prison complete the certificate as to the amount of money and securities on deposit to your credit in any account in the institution.

(4) You must name as respondent the person by whom you are confined or restrained. If you are in a specific institution of the Department of Corrections, name the warden or head of the institution. If you are not in a specific institution of the Department but within its custody, name the Director of the Department of Corrections.

(5) You must include all grounds or claims for relief
which you may have regarding your conviction or sentence.
Failure to raise all grounds in this petition may preclude you
from filing future petitions challenging your conviction and
sentence.

18 (6) You must allege specific facts supporting the claims 19 in the petition you file seeking relief from any conviction or sentence. Failure to allege specific facts rather than just 20 21 conclusions may cause your petition to be dismissed. If your 22 petition contains a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, 23 that claim will operate to waive the attorney-client privilege 24 for the proceeding in which you claim your counsel was 25 ineffective.

(7) When the petition is fully completed, the original and one copy must be filed with the clerk of the state district court for the county in which you were convicted. One copy must be mailed to the respondent, one copy to the Attorney General's Office, and one copy to the district attorney of the county in which you were convicted or to the original prosecutor if you are challenging your original conviction or sentence. Copies must conform in all particulars to the original submitted for filing.

PETITION

1. Name of institution and county in which you are presently imprisoned or where and how you are presently restrained of your liberty:

2. Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction under attack:



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1	3. Date of judgment of conviction:
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3	5. [(a)] Length of sentence:
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5	[(b) If sentence is death, state any date upon which
6	execution is scheduled:]
7	6. Are you presently serving a sentence for a
8	conviction other than the conviction under attack in this
9	motion? Yes No
10	If "yes," list crime, case number and sentence being served at
11	this time:
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14	7. Nature of offense involved in conviction being
15	challenged:
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17	8. What was your plea? (check one)
18	(a) Not guilty
19	(b) Guilty
20	(c) Guilty but mentally ill
21	(d) Nolo contendere
$\frac{21}{22}$	9. If you entered a plea of guilty or guilty but mentally
23	ill to one count of an indictment or information, and a plea of
24	not guilty to another count of an indictment or information, or
25	if a plea of guilty or guilty but mentally ill was negotiated,
26	give details:
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29	10. If you were found guilty or guilty but mentally ill
30	after a plea of not guilty, was the finding made by: (check
31	one)
32	(a) Jury
33	(b) Judge without a jury
34	11. Did you testify at the trial? Yes No
35	12. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction?
36	Yes No
30 37	13. If you did appeal, answer the following:
38	(a) Name of court:
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39 40	(c) Result:
	(d) Date of result:
41 42	(d) Date of result:
42	(Attach copy of order of decision, if available.)





1 2	14. If you did not appeal, explain briefly why you did not:
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4 5	15. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of
6	conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications or motions with respect to this
7 8	judgment in any court, state or federal? Yes No
8 9	16. If your answer to No. 15 was "yes," give the
10	following information:
11	(a) (1) Name of court:
12	(2) Nature of proceeding:
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14	(3) Grounds raised:
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17	(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your
18	petition, application or motion? Yes No
19 20	(5) Result:
20	(7) If known, citations of any written opinion or date
21	of orders entered pursuant to such result:
22	of orders entered pursuant to such result.
23	(b) As to any second petition, application or motion, give
25	the same information:
26	(1) Name of court:
27	(2) Nature of proceeding:
28	(3) Grounds raised:
29	(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your
30	petition, application or motion? Yes No
31	(5) Result:
32	(6) Date of result:
33	(7) If known, citations of any written opinion or date
34	of orders entered pursuant to such result:
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36	(c) As to any third or subsequent additional applications
37 38	or motions, give the same information as above, list them on a separate sheet and attach.
38 39	(d) Did you appeal to the highest state or federal court
39 40	having jurisdiction, the result or action taken on any petition,
40	application or motion?
42	(1) First petition, application or motion? Yes
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1	Citation or date of decision:
2	(2) Second petition, application or motion? Yes
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4	Citation or date of decision:
5	(3) Third or subsequent petitions, applications or
6	motions? Yes No
7	Citation or date of decision:
8	(e) If you did not appeal from the adverse action
9	on any petition, application or motion, explain briefly why
10	you did not. (You must relate specific facts in response
11	to this question. Your response may be included on paper
12	which is 8 1/2 by 11 inches attached to the petition. Your
13	response may not exceed five handwritten or typewritten
14	pages in length.)
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17	17. Has any ground being raised in this petition been
18	previously presented to this or any other court by way of
19	petition for habeas corpus, motion, application or any other
20	postconviction proceeding? If so, identify:
21	(a) Which of the grounds is the same:
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23	(b) The proceedings in which these grounds were
24	raised:
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26	(c) Briefly explain why you are again raising these
27	grounds. (You must relate specific facts in response to this
28	question. Your response may be included on paper which is 8
29	1/2 by 11 inches attached to the petition. Your response may
30	not exceed five handwritten or typewritten pages in length.).
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32	18. If any of the grounds listed in Nos. 23(a), (b), (c) and
33	(d), or listed on any additional pages you have attached, were
34	not previously presented in any other court, state or federal,
35	list briefly what grounds were not so presented, and give your
36	reasons for not presenting them. (You must relate specific
37	facts in response to this question. Your response may be
38	included on paper which is $8 \frac{1}{2}$ by 11 inches attached to the
39	petition. Your response may not exceed five handwritten or
40	typewritten pages in length.)
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19. Are you filing this petition more than 1 year 1 following the filing of the judgment of conviction or the filing 2 of a decision on direct appeal? If so, state briefly the reasons 3 for the delay. (You must relate specific facts in response to 4 5 this question. Your response may be included on paper which is 8 1/2 by 11 inches attached to the petition. Your response 6 may not exceed five handwritten or typewritten pages in 7 8 length.) 9 20. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in 10 any court, either state or federal, as to the judgment under 11 12 attack? Yes No 13 If yes, state what court and the case number: 14 21. Give the name of each attorney who represented you 15 in the proceeding resulting in your conviction and on direct 16 17 appeal: --18 22. Do you have any future sentences to serve after you 19 complete the sentence imposed by the judgment under attack? 2021 Yes No 22 If yes, specify where and when it is to be served, if you know: 23 24 23. State concisely every ground on which you claim 25 26 that you are being held unlawfully. Summarize briefly the 27 facts supporting each ground. If necessary you may attach pages stating additional grounds and facts supporting same. 28 29 (a) Ground one: 30 Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing 31 cases or law.): 32 33 34 35 (b) Ground two: 36 Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing 37 cases or law.): 38 39 40 41 (c) Ground three: 42





Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing 1 2 cases or law.): 3 4 5 (d) Ground four: 6 7 Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing 8 cases or law.): 9 10 WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the court grant 11 petitioner relief to which petitioner may be entitled in this 12 13 proceeding. 14 EXECUTED at on the day of the month of of the year 15 16 17 Signature of petitioner 18 19 20 Address 21 22 Signature of attorney (if any) 23 24 Attorney for petitioner 25 26 Address 27 VERIFICATION 28 29 30 Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned declares that the undersigned is the petitioner named in the foregoing petition 31 32 and knows the contents thereof; that the pleading is true of the undersigned's own knowledge, except as to those matters 33 stated on information and belief, and as to such matters the 34 35 undersigned believes them to be true. 36 37 Petitioner 38 39 Attorney for petitioner 40 41 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL 42 43 44 I,, hereby certify, pursuant to 45 N.R.C.P. 5(b), that on this day of the month of of κ Δ R 1 Δ 9

1 2 3	the year, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS addressed to:
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6	Respondent prison or jail official
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10	Attorney General
11	Heroes' Memorial Building
12	Capitol Complex
13	Carson City, Nevada 89710
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15 16	District Attorney of County of Conviction
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18	Address
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21	Signature of Petitioner
22	Sec. 8. NRS 171.198 is hereby amended to read as follows:
23	171.198 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a
24	magistrate shall employ a certified court reporter to take down all
25	the testimony and the proceedings on the hearing or examination
26	and, within such time as the court may designate, have such
27	testimony and proceedings transcribed into typewritten transcript.
28	2. A magistrate who presides over a preliminary hearing in a
29	justice court [, in any case other than in a case in which the death
30	penalty is sought,] may employ a certified court reporter to take
31 32	down all the testimony and the proceedings on the hearing or
32 33	appoint a person to use sound recording equipment to record all the testimony and the proceedings on the hearing. If the magistrate
33 34	appoints a person to use sound recording equipment to record the
35	testimony and proceedings on the hearing, the testimony and
36	proceedings must be recorded and transcribed in the same manner as
37	set forth in NRS 4.390 to 4.420, inclusive. Any transcript of the
38	testimony and proceedings produced from a recording conducted
39	pursuant to this subsection is subject to the provisions of this section
40	in the same manner as a transcript produced by a certified court
41	reporter.
42	3. When the testimony of each witness is all taken and
43	transcribed by the reporter, the reporter shall certify to the transcript

transcribed by the reporter, the reporter shall certify to the transcriptin the same manner as for a transcript of testimony in the district





court, which certificate authenticates the transcript for all purposes
 of this title.

4. Before the date set for trial, either party may move the court before which the case is pending to add to, delete from or otherwise correct the transcript to conform with the testimony as given and to settle the transcript so altered.

5. The compensation for the services of a reporter employed as
provided in this section are the same as provided in NRS 3.370, to
be paid out of the county treasury as other claims against the county
are allowed and paid.

6. Testimony reduced to writing and authenticated according to the provisions of this section must be filed by the examining magistrate with the clerk of the district court of the magistrate's county, and if the prisoner is subsequently examined upon a writ of habeas corpus, such testimony must be considered as given before such judge or court. A copy of the transcript must be furnished to the defendant and to the district attorney.

18 19 7. The testimony so taken may be used:

(a) By the defendant; or

(b) By the State if the defendant was represented by counsel oraffirmatively waived his or her right to counsel,

22 → upon the trial of the cause, and in all proceedings therein, when 23 the witness is sick, out of the State, dead, or persistent in refusing to 24 testify despite an order of the judge to do so, or when the witness's 25 personal attendance cannot be had in court.

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Sec. 9. NRS 174.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

174.065 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 174.061:

1. On a plea of guilty or guilty but mentally ill to an information or indictment accusing a defendant of a crime divided into degrees, when consented to by the prosecuting attorney in open court and approved by the court, the plea may specify the degree, and in such event the defendant shall not be punished for a higher degree than that specified in the plea.

2. On a plea of guilty or guilty but mentally ill to an indictment or information for murder of the first degree, when consented to by the prosecuting attorney in open court and approved by the court, the plea may specify a punishment. [less than death.] The specified punishment, or any lesser punishment, may be imposed by a single judge.

40 **Sec. 10.** NRS 175.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

175.011 1. In a district court, cases required to be tried by
jury must be so tried unless the defendant waives a jury trial in
writing with the approval of the court and the consent of the State. A
defendant who pleads not guilty to the charge of [a capital offense] *murder of the first degree* must be tried by jury.





In a Justice Court, a case must be tried by jury only if the
 defendant so demands in writing not less than 30 days before trial.
 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 4.390 and 4.400, if a case is
 tried by jury, a reporter must be present who is a certified court
 reporter and shall report the trial.

Sec. 11. NRS 175.051 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 175.051 1. If the offense charged is punishable [by death or]
8 by imprisonment for life, each side is entitled to eight peremptory
9 challenges.

10 2. If the offense charged is punishable by imprisonment for any 11 other term or by fine or by both fine and imprisonment, each side is 12 entitled to four peremptory challenges.

13 3. The State and the defendant shall exercise their challenges 14 alternately, in that order. Any challenge not exercised in its proper 15 order is waived.

16 Sec. 12. NRS 175.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 175.151 If the indictment or information [be for an offense punishable with death,] is for murder of the first degree, two counsel on each side may argue the case to the jury, but in such case, as well as in all others, the counsel for the State must open and conclude the argument. If [it be] the indictment or information is for any other offense, the court may, in its discretion, restrict the argument to one counsel on each side.

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Sec. 13. NRS 175.552 is hereby amended to read as follows:

175.552 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in every case in which there is a finding that a defendant is guilty or guilty but mentally ill of murder of the first degree, [whether or not the death penalty is sought,] the court shall conduct a separate penalty hearing. The separate penalty hearing must be conducted as follows:

(a) If the finding is made by a jury, the separate penalty hearing
must be conducted in the trial court before the trial jury, as soon as
practicable.

(b) [If the finding is made upon a plea of guilty or guilty but
 mentally ill or a trial without a jury and the death penalty is sought,
 the separate penalty hearing must be conducted before a jury

37 impaneled for that purpose, as soon as practicable.

(c)] If the finding is made upon a plea of guilty or guilty but mentally ill or a trial without a jury , [and the death penalty is not sought,] the separate penalty hearing must be conducted as soon as practicable before the judge who conducted the trial or who accepted the plea.

43 2. [In a case in which the death penalty is not sought or in
44 which a court has made a finding that the defendant is intellectually
45 disabled and has stricken the notice of intent to seek the death





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penalty pursuant to NRS 174.098, the] The parties may by
 stipulation waive the separate penalty hearing required in subsection
 When stipulating to such a waiver, the parties may also include an
 agreement to have the sentence, if any, imposed by the trial judge.
 Any stipulation pursuant to this subsection must be in writing and
 signed by the defendant, the defendant's attorney, if any, and the
 prosecuting attorney.

8 During the hearing, evidence may be presented concerning 3. 9 aggravating and mitigating circumstances relative to the offense, defendant or victim and on any other matter which the court deems 10 relevant to the sentence, whether or not the evidence is ordinarily 11 12 admissible. Evidence may be offered to refute hearsay matters. No 13 evidence which was secured in violation of the Constitution of the 14 United States or the Constitution of the State of Nevada may be introduced. [The State may introduce evidence of additional 15 aggravating circumstances as set forth in NRS 200.033, other than 16 17 the aggravated nature of the offense itself, only if it has been 18 disclosed to the defendant before the commencement of the penalty 19 hearing. 20

20 <u>4. In a case in which the death penalty is not sought or in</u> 21 which a court has found the defendant to be intellectually disabled

21 which a court has found the defendant to be intellectually disabled 22 and has stricken the notice of intent to seek the death penalty

23 pursuant to NRS 174.098, the]

4. *The* jury or the trial judge shall determine whether the defendant should be sentenced to life with the possibility of parole or life without the possibility of parole.

Sec. 14. NRS 175.556 is hereby amended to read as follows:

175.556 [1. In a case in which the death penalty is sought, if a jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict upon the sentence to be imposed, the district judge who conducted the trial or accepted the plea of guilty shall sentence the defendant to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole or impanel a new jury to determine the sentence.

34 -2. In a case in which the death penalty is not sought, if] If a 35 jury is unable to reach a unanimous verdict upon the sentence to be 36 imposed, the trial judge shall impose the sentence.

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Sec. 15. NRS 176.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.025 A sentence of [death or] life imprisonment without the possibility of parole must not be imposed or inflicted upon any person convicted of a crime now punishable by [death or] life imprisonment without the possibility of parole who at the time of the commission of the crime was less than 18 years of age. As to such a person, the maximum punishment that may be imposed is life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.





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Sec. 16. NRS 176.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 176.035 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 1. 3 whenever a person is convicted of two or more offenses, and 4 sentence has been pronounced for one offense, the court in imposing 5 any subsequent sentence may provide that the sentences subsequently pronounced run either concurrently or consecutively 6 with the sentence first imposed. Except as otherwise provided in 7 8 subsections 3 and 4, if the court makes no order with reference 9 thereto, all such subsequent sentences run concurrently. For offenses committed on or after July 1, 2014, if the court imposes the 10 sentences to run consecutively, the court must pronounce the 11 12 minimum and maximum aggregate terms of imprisonment pursuant 13 to subsection 2, unless the defendant is sentenced to life 14 imprisonment without the possibility of parole. [or death.]

15 2. When aggregating terms of imprisonment pursuant to 16 subsection 1:

17 (a) If at least one sentence imposes a maximum term of 18 imprisonment for life with the possibility of parole, the court must 19 aggregate the minimum terms of imprisonment to determine the 20 minimum aggregate term of imprisonment, and the maximum 21 aggregate term of imprisonment shall be deemed to be 22 imprisonment in the state prison for life with the possibility of 23 parole.

(b) If all the sentences impose a minimum and maximum term of imprisonment, the court must aggregate the minimum terms of imprisonment to determine the minimum aggregate term of imprisonment and must aggregate the maximum terms of imprisonment to determine the maximum aggregate term of imprisonment.

30 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whenever a 31 person under sentence of imprisonment for committing a felony 32 commits another crime constituting a felony and is sentenced to 33 another term of imprisonment for that felony, the latter term must not begin until the expiration of all prior terms, including the 34 expiration of any prior aggregated terms. If the person is a 35 36 probationer at the time the subsequent felony is committed, the court 37 may provide that the latter term of imprisonment run concurrently 38 with any prior terms or portions thereof. If the person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole, the 39 40 sentence must be executed without reference to the unexpired term 41 of imprisonment and without reference to eligibility for parole.

42 4. Whenever a person under sentence of imprisonment 43 commits another crime constituting a misdemeanor or gross 44 misdemeanor, the court shall provide expressly whether the sentence





subsequently pronounced runs concurrently or consecutively with
 the one first imposed.

5. Whenever a person under sentence of imprisonment commits [another] the crime [for which the punishment is death,] of *murder of the first degree*, the sentence must be executed without reference to the unexpired term of imprisonment.

6. This section does not prevent the State Board of Parole
8 Commissioners from paroling a person under consecutive sentences
9 of imprisonment from a current term of imprisonment to a
10 subsequent term of imprisonment.

Sec. 17. NRS 176.0911 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 176.0911 As used in NRS 176.0911 to [176.0919,] 176.09187, 13 inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms 14 defined in NRS 176.09111 to 176.09119, inclusive, have the 15 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

16 Sec. 18. NRS 176.09121 is hereby amended to read as 17 follows:

176.09121 1. The State DNA Database is hereby established
to serve as this State's repository for DNA records and to provide
DNA records to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. The Forensic Science Division of the Washoe County
22 Sheriff's Office shall oversee, manage and administer the State
23 DNA Database and shall:

(a) Implement policies for the management and administration
of the State DNA Database, including, without limitation, any
system for the identification of DNA profiles and DNA records that
is necessary to support agencies of criminal justice.

(b) Adopt policies and protocols and enter into any necessary
agreements to implement the provisions of NRS 176.0911 to
[176.0919,] 176.09187, inclusive.

(c) Ensure that all searches of the State DNA Database areperformed in accordance with state and federal law.

(d) Act as a liaison between the Federal Bureau of Investigation
 and other state agencies of criminal justice relating to this State's
 participation in CODIS.

36 Sec. 19. NRS 176.09165 is hereby amended to read as 37 follows:

176.09165 1. The Department of Public Safety shall establish
a standard form for use by every law enforcement agency in this
State that:

41 (a) Sets forth the authorized use of a biological specimen 42 pursuant to NRS 176.0911 to [176.0919,] 176.09187, inclusive.

43 (b) Identifies the circumstances and process under which a 44 person may have his or her biological specimen destroyed and his or





1 her DNA profile or DNA record purged from the forensic 2 laboratory, the State DNA Database and CODIS.

3 (c) May be completed and submitted to the Central Repository 4 for Nevada Records of Criminal History by a person to request that 5 his or her biological specimen be destroyed and his or her DNA 6 profile or DNA record be purged from the forensic laboratory, the 7 State DNA Database and CODIS.

2. A law enforcement agency shall provide the form to a 8 9 person:

10 (a) Before obtaining a biological specimen;

(b) Upon release from custody if the person has submitted a 11 12 biological specimen; or

13 (c) At the request of the person, if the person believes that he or 14 she is eligible to have his or her biological specimen destroyed and 15 his or her DNA profile or DNA record purged from the forensic 16 laboratory, the State DNA Database and CODIS.

17 Sec. 20. NRS 176.09177 is hereby amended to read as 18 follows:

19 176.09177 Any person authorized to collect a biological 20 specimen pursuant to NRS 176.0911 to [176.0919.] 176.09187, 21 inclusive, may not be held civilly or criminally liable for any act 22 relating to the collection of a biological specimen if the person 23 performed that act in good faith and in a reasonable manner. 24

NRS 176.0918 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 21.

25 176.0918 1. A person convicted of a felony who otherwise meets the requirements of this section may file a postconviction 26 27 petition requesting a genetic marker analysis of evidence within the 28 possession or custody of the State which may contain genetic 29 marker information relating to the investigation or prosecution that 30 resulted in the judgment of conviction. If the case involves a 31 sentence of death, the petition must include, without limitation, the 32 date scheduled for the execution, if it has been scheduled.]

33 2. Such a petition must be filed with the clerk of the district 34 court for the county in which the petitioner was convicted on a form 35 prescribed by the Department of Corrections. A copy of the petition 36 must be served by registered mail upon:

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(a) The Attorney General; and

38 (b) The district attorney in the county in which the petitioner 39 was convicted.

40 3. A petition filed pursuant to this section must be accompanied by a declaration under penalty of perjury attesting that 41 42 the information contained in the petition does not contain any 43 material misrepresentation of fact and that the petitioner has a good 44 faith basis relying on particular facts for the request. The petition must include, without limitation: 45





1 (a) Information identifying specific evidence either known or 2 believed to be in the possession or custody of the State that can be 3 subject to genetic marker analysis;

4 (b) The rationale for why a reasonable possibility exists that the 5 petitioner would not have been prosecuted or convicted if 6 exculpatory results had been obtained through a genetic marker 7 analysis of the evidence identified in paragraph (a);

8 (c) An identification of the type of genetic marker analysis the 9 petitioner is requesting to be conducted on the evidence identified in 10 paragraph (a);

11 (d) If applicable, the results of all prior genetic marker analysis 12 performed on evidence in the trial which resulted in the petitioner's 13 conviction; and

14 (e) A statement that the type of genetic marker analysis the 15 petitioner is requesting was not available at the time of trial or, if it 16 was available, that the failure to request genetic marker analysis 17 before the petitioner was convicted was not a result of a strategic or 18 tactical decision as part of the representation of the petitioner at the 19 trial.

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4. If a petition is filed pursuant to this section, the court may:

(a) Enter an order dismissing the petition without a hearing if
 the court determines, based on the information contained in the
 petition, that the petitioner does not meet the requirements set forth
 in this section;

(b) After determining whether the petitioner is indigent pursuant to NRS 171.188 and whether counsel was appointed in the case which resulted in the conviction, appoint counsel for the limited purpose of reviewing, supplementing and presenting the petition to the court; or

(c) Schedule a hearing on the petition. If the court schedules a
hearing on the petition, the court shall determine which person or
agency has possession or custody of the evidence and shall
immediately issue an order requiring, during the pendency of the
proceeding, each person or agency in possession or custody of the
evidence to:

(1) Preserve all evidence within the possession or custody of
the person or agency that may be subjected to genetic marker
analysis pursuant to this section;

39 (2) Within 90 days, prepare an inventory of all evidence
40 relevant to the claims in the petition within the possession or
41 custody of the person or agency that may be subjected to genetic
42 marker analysis pursuant to this section; and

43 (3) Within 90 days, submit a copy of the inventory to the 44 petitioner, the prosecuting attorney and the court.





1 5. Within 90 days after the inventory of all evidence is 2 prepared pursuant to subsection 4, the prosecuting attorney may file 3 a written response to the petition with the court.

4 If the court holds a hearing on a petition filed pursuant to 6. 5 this section, the hearing must be presided over by the judge who 6 conducted the trial that resulted in the conviction of the petitioner, unless that judge is unavailable. Any evidence presented at the 7 8 hearing by affidavit must be served on the opposing party at least 15 9 days before the hearing.

If a petitioner files a petition pursuant to this section, the 10 7. court schedules a hearing on the petition and a victim of the crime 11 12 for which the petitioner was convicted has requested notice pursuant 13 to NRS 178.5698, the district attorney in the county in which the 14 petitioner was convicted shall provide to the victim notice of:

15 (a) The fact that the petitioner filed a petition pursuant to this 16 section;

17 (b) The time and place of the hearing scheduled by the court as a 18 result of the petition; and

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(c) The outcome of any hearing on the petition. Sec. 22. NRS 176.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 176.325 When a judgment of imprisonment to be served in the 22 state prison has been pronounced, triplicate certified paper or 23 electronic copies of the judgment of conviction, attested by the clerk 24 under the seal of the court, must forthwith be furnished to the 25 officers whose duty it is to execute the judgment, as provided by 26 NRS 176.335, and no other warrant or authority is necessary to 27 justify or require the execution thereof. [, except when a judgment 28 of death is rendered.] 29

Sec. 23. NRS 177.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 177.015 The party aggrieved in a criminal action may appeal only as follows: 31 32

Whether that party is the State or the defendant: 1.

33 (a) To the district court of the county from a final judgment of 34 the justice court.

35 (b) To the appellate court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to 36 the rules fixed by the Supreme Court pursuant to Section 4 of 37 Article 6 of the Nevada Constitution from an order of the district 38 court granting a motion to dismiss, a motion for acquittal or a 39 motion in arrest of judgment, or granting or refusing a new trial.

40 **(c)** To the appellate court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to 41 the rules fixed by the Supreme Court pursuant to Section 4 of 42 Article 6 of the Nevada Constitution from a determination of the 43 district court about whether a defendant is intellectually disabled

44 that is made as a result of a hearing held pursuant to NRS 174.098.

45 If the appellate court of competent jurisdiction entertains the appeal,





it shall enter an order staying the criminal proceedings against the
 defendant for such time as may be required.]

3 2. The State may, upon good cause shown, appeal to the 4 appellate court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the rules fixed 5 by the Supreme Court pursuant to Section 4 of Article 6 of the 6 Nevada Constitution from a pretrial order of the district court 7 granting or denying a motion to suppress evidence made pursuant to NRS 174.125. Notice of the appeal must be filed with the clerk of 8 9 the district court within 2 judicial days and with the Clerk of the Supreme Court within 5 judicial days after the ruling by the district 10 court. The clerk of the district court shall notify counsel for the 11 12 defendant or, in the case of a defendant without counsel, the 13 defendant within 2 judicial days after the filing of the notice of 14 appeal. The appellate court of competent jurisdiction may establish 15 such procedures as it determines proper in requiring the appellant to 16 make a preliminary showing of the propriety of the appeal and 17 whether there may be a miscarriage of justice if the appeal is not 18 entertained. If the appellate court of competent jurisdiction 19 entertains the appeal, or if it otherwise appears necessary, it may 20 enter an order staying the trial for such time as may be required.

3. The defendant only may appeal from a final judgment or verdict in a criminal case.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS 23 4. 24 174.035, the defendant in a criminal case shall not appeal a final 25 judgment or verdict resulting from a plea of guilty, guilty but 26 mentally ill or nolo contendere that the defendant entered into 27 voluntarily and with a full understanding of the nature of the charge 28 and the consequences of the plea, unless the appeal is based upon 29 reasonable constitutional, jurisdictional or other grounds that 30 challenge the legality of the proceedings. The appellate court of 31 competent jurisdiction may establish procedures to require the 32 defendant to make a preliminary showing of the propriety of the 33 appeal.

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Sec. 24. NRS 177.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

177.075 1. [Except where appeal is automatic, an] An appeal
from a district court to the appellate court of competent jurisdiction
pursuant to the rules fixed by the Supreme Court pursuant to Section
4 of Article 6 of the Nevada Constitution is taken by filing a notice
of appeal with the clerk of the district court. Bills of exception and
assignments of error in cases governed by this chapter are abolished.

2. When a court imposes sentence upon a defendant who has
not pleaded guilty or guilty but mentally ill and who is without
counsel, the court shall advise the defendant of the right to appeal,
and if the defendant so requests, the clerk shall prepare and file
forthwith a notice of appeal on the defendant's behalf.





Sec. 25. NRS 177.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A notice of appeal must be signed:

(b) By the clerk if prepared by the clerk.

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177.235 Upon the argument of the appeal, if the offense is [punishable with death,] murder of the first degree, two counsel **[shall]** *must* be heard on each side, if they require it. In any other case the Court may, in its discretion, restrict the argument to one counsel on each side. **Sec. 26.** NRS 178.388 is hereby amended to read as follows: 178.388 1. Except as otherwise provided in this title, the defendant must be present at the arraignment, at every stage of the trial including the impaneling of the jury and the return of the verdict, and at the imposition of sentence. A corporation may appear by counsel for all purposes. 2. In prosecutions for offenses [not punishable by death:] other than murder of the first degree: (a) The defendant's voluntary absence after the trial has been commenced in the defendant's presence must not prevent continuing the trial to and including the return of the verdict. (b) If the defendant was present at the trial through the time the defendant pleads guilty or guilty but mentally ill or is found guilty or guilty but mentally ill but at the time of sentencing is incarcerated in another jurisdiction, the defendant may waive the right to be present at the sentencing proceedings and agree to be sentenced in this State in his or her absence. The defendant's waiver is valid only if it is: (1) Made knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily after consulting with an attorney licensed to practice in this State; (2) Signed and dated by the defendant and notarized by a notary public or judicial officer: (3) Signed and dated by the defendant's attorney after it has been signed by the defendant and notarized; and (4) Accompanied by a waiver of the issuance and service of a warrant of arrest and all other procedures incidental to extradition proceedings. In prosecutions for offenses punishable by fine or by 3. imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, the court, with the written consent of the defendant, may permit arraignment, plea, trial and imposition of sentence in the defendant's absence, if the court determines that the defendant was fully aware of the applicable constitutional rights when the defendant gave consent. The presence of the defendant is not required at the 4. arraignment or any preceding stage if the court has provided for the use of a closed-circuit television to facilitate communication AB149*

between the court and the defendant during the proceeding. If 1 2 closed-circuit television is provided for, members of the news media 3 may observe and record the proceeding from both locations unless 4 the court specifically provides otherwise.

5. The defendant's presence is not required at the settling of 5 6 jury instructions.

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Sec. 27. NRS 178.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 178.750 The district attorney for each county shall prepare 1. 9 and submit a report, on a form approved by the Attorney General, to the Attorney General not later than February 1 of each year 10 concerning each case filed during the previous calendar year that 11 12 included a charge for murder or voluntary manslaughter. The district 13 attorney shall exclude from the report any charge for manslaughter 14 that resulted from a death in a crash involving a motor vehicle.

15 2. The report required pursuant to subsection 1 must include, 16 without limitation:

(a) The age, gender and race of the defendant;

18 (b) The age, gender and race of any codefendant or other person 19 charged or suspected of having participated in the homicide and in 20 any alleged related offense;

21 (c) The age, gender and race of the victim of the homicide and 22 any alleged related offense;

23 (d) The date of the homicide and of any alleged related offense; 24

(e) The date of filing of the information or indictment;

(f) The name of each court in which the case was prosecuted;

26 (g) Whether or not the prosecutor filed a notice of intent to seek 27 the death penalty and, if so, when the prosecutor filed the notice;

28 (h) The final disposition of the case and whether or not the case 29 was tried before a jury;

30 (i) The race, ethnicity and gender of each member of the 31 jury, if the case was tried by a jury; and

32 (i) The identity of:

33 (1) Each prosecuting attorney who participated in the 34 decision to file the initial charges against the defendant;

35 (2) Each prosecuting attorney who participated in the 36 decision to offer or accept a plea, if applicable;

37 [(3) Each prosecuting attorney who participated in the 38 decision to seek the death penalty, if applicable;] and

39 (4) (3) Each person outside the office of the district 40 attorney who was consulted in determining whether to seek the 41 death penalty or to accept or reject a plea, if any.

42 If all the information required pursuant to subsection 1 3. 43 cannot be provided because the case is still in progress, an 44 additional report must be filed with the Attorney General each time





1 a subsequent report is filed until all the information, to the extent 2 available, has been provided.

Sec. 28. NRS 209.3925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 209.3925 Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, 1. 5 the Director may assign an offender to the custody of the Division 6 of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to serve 7 a term of residential confinement pursuant to NRS 213.380 or other 8 appropriate supervision as determined by the Division of Parole and 9 Probation, for not longer than the remainder of his or her sentence, 10 if:

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(a) The Director has reason to believe that the offender is:

12 (1) Physically incapacitated or in ill health to such a degree 13 that the offender does not presently, and likely will not in the future, 14 pose a threat to the safety of the public; or

15 (2) In ill health and expected to die within 12 months, and 16 does not presently, and likely will not in the future, pose a threat to 17 the safety of the public; and

(b) At least two physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 18 19 633 of NRS, one of whom is not employed by the Department, 20 verify, in writing, that the offender is:

21 22 (1) Physically incapacitated or in ill health; or

(2) In ill health and expected to die within 12 months.

23 If the Director intends to assign an offender to the custody of 2. 24 the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this section, at least 25 45 days before the date the offender is expected to be released from 26 the custody of the Department, the Director shall notify:

27 (a) The board of county commissioners of the county in which 28 the offender will reside; and 29

(b) The Division of Parole and Probation.

30 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 213.10915, if any 31 victim of a crime committed by the offender has, pursuant to 32 subsection 4 of NRS 213.131, requested to be notified of the 33 consideration of a prisoner for parole and has provided a current 34 address, the Division of Parole and Probation shall notify the victim 35 that:

36 (a) The Director intends to assign the offender to the custody of 37 the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this section; and

38 (b) The victim may submit documents to the Division of Parole 39 and Probation regarding such an assignment.

40 → If a current address has not been provided by a victim as required by subsection 4 of NRS 213.131, the Division of Parole and 41 42 Probation must not be held responsible if notification is not received 43 by the victim. All personal information, including, but not limited 44 to, a current or former address, which pertains to a victim and which





1 is received by the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this2 subsection is confidential.

4. If an offender assigned to the custody of the Division of
Parole and Probation pursuant to this section escapes or violates any
of the terms or conditions of his or her residential confinement or
other appropriate supervision as determined by the Division of
Parole and Probation:

8 (a) The Division of Parole and Probation may, pursuant to the 9 procedure set forth in NRS 213.410, return the offender to the 10 custody of the Department.

(b) The offender forfeits all or part of the credits for good behavior earned by the offender before the escape or violation, as determined by the Director. The Director may provide for a forfeiture of credits pursuant to this paragraph only after proof of the offense and notice to the offender and may restore credits forfeited for such reasons as the Director considers proper. The decision of the Director regarding such a forfeiture is final.

5. The assignment of an offender to the custody of the Divisionof Parole and Probation pursuant to this section shall be deemed:

20 (a) A continuation of the offender's imprisonment and not a 21 release on parole; and

(b) For the purposes of NRS 209.341, an assignment to a facility
of the Department,

 \Rightarrow except that the offender is not entitled to obtain any benefits or to participate in any programs provided to offenders in the custody of the Department.

6. The Director may not assign an offender to the custody of the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this section if the offender is sentenced to [death or] imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

31 7. An offender does not have a right to be assigned to the 32 custody of the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this 33 section, or to remain in that custody after such an assignment, and it is not intended that the provisions of this section or of NRS 213.371 34 to 213.410, inclusive, create any right or interest in liberty or 35 property or establish a basis for any cause of action against the 36 37 State, its political subdivisions, agencies, boards, commissions, 38 departments, officers or employees.

8. The Division of Parole and Probation may receive and
distribute restitution paid by an offender assigned to the custody of
the Division of Parole and Probation pursuant to this section.

42 Sec. 29. NRS 209.424 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 209.424 An offender may not participate in a therapeutic 44 community if the offender:





1 1. Was sentenced to [death or] a term of imprisonment for life 2 without the possibility of parole; or

2. 3 Is or was eligible to participate in the program of treatment established pursuant to NRS 209.425, whether or not the offender 4 5 actually participated in or completed that program of treatment. 6

Sec. 30. NRS 212.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 If any person who has been sentenced to 212.050 1. 8 confinement in the state prison, by any court having competent 9 authority within this State, escapes therefrom [] or is charged with murder, for the perpetration of any crime punishable with death.] 10 11 the Governor may, upon satisfactory evidence of the guilt of the 12 accused, offer a reward for information that leads to his or her 13 apprehension. The reward offered by the Governor must not exceed the sum of \$5,000, and must be paid out of the Reserve for Statutory 14 15 Contingency Account upon approval by the State Board of 16 Examiners.

17 2. If any person who has been sentenced to confinement in a 18 jail, branch county jail or other local detention facility by any court 19 having competent authority within this State, escapes therefrom or is charged with murder, for the perpetration of any crime 20 punishable with death,] the board of county commissioners of the 21 22 county, the governing body of the city or other local government 23 responsible for the operation of the facility may, upon satisfactory 24 evidence of the guilt of the accused, offer a reward for information 25 that leads to his or her apprehension. The reward offered by the 26 board, governing body or other local government must not exceed 27 the sum of \$5,000.

28 **Sec. 31.** NRS 213.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 213.030 No notice [shall be] is required of an application for [:

30 1. A *a* restoration to citizenship to take effect at the expiration 31 of a term of imprisonment. [; or

32 2. The commutation of the death penalty.]

Sec. 32. NRS 213.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

213.085 1. If a person is convicted on or after July 1, 1995, 34 35 of any crime that the person committed when he or she was 18 years 36 of age or older, the Board shall not commute [+

- 37 (a) A sentence of death; or
- 38 (b) A] a sentence of imprisonment in the state prison for life 39 without the possibility of parole $\frac{1}{2}$
- 40 \rightarrow to a sentence that would allow parole.
- If a person is convicted of any crime that the person 41 2. 42 committed when he or she was less than 18 years of age, the Board 43 may, in its discretion, commute [+





1 (a) A sentence of death; or

2 (b) A] a sentence of imprisonment in the state prison for life 3 without the possibility of parole $\frac{1}{2}$

4 →] to a sentence that would allow parole.

5 Sec. 33. NRS 213.10885 is hereby amended to read as 6 follows:

7 The Board shall adopt by regulation specific 213.10885 1. 8 standards for each type of convicted person to assist the Board in 9 determining whether to grant or revoke parole. The regulations must include standards for determining whether to grant or revoke the 10 11 parole of a convicted person:

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(a) [Who committed a capital offense.

13 (b) Who was sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment for 14 life.

15 (c) (b) Who was convicted of a sexual offense involving the 16 use or threat of use of force or violence. 17

(d) Who was convicted as a habitual criminal.

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[(e)] (d) Who is a repeat offender.

19 (f) (e) Who was convicted of any other type of offense.

20 → The standards must be based upon objective criteria for 21 determining the person's probability of success on parole.

22 In establishing the standards, the Board shall consider the 2. 23 information on decisions regarding parole that is compiled and maintained pursuant to NRS 213.10887 and all other factors which 24 25 are relevant in determining the probability that a convicted person 26 will live and remain at liberty without violating the law if parole is 27 granted or continued. The other factors the Board considers must 28 include, but are not limited to:

29 (a) The severity of the crime committed;

30 (b) The criminal history of the person;

31 (c) Any disciplinary action taken against the person while 32 incarcerated;

(d) Any previous parole violations or failures;

34 (e) Any potential threat to society or to the convicted person; 35 and

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(f) The length of his or her incarceration.

37 3. In determining whether to grant parole to a convicted person, the Board shall not consider whether the person has 38 39 appealed the judgment of imprisonment for which the person is 40 being considered for parole.

4. 41 The standards adopted by the Board must provide for a 42 greater punishment for a convicted person who has a history of 43 repetitive criminal conduct or who commits a serious crime, with a 44 violent crime considered the most serious, than for a convicted





person who does not have a history of repetitive crimes and did not
 commit a serious crime.

5. The Board shall make available to the public a sample of the form the Board uses in determining the probability that a convicted person will live and remain at liberty without violating the law if parole is granted or continued.

On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the 7 6. 8 Board shall review comprehensively the standards adopted by the Board. The review must include a determination of whether the 9 standards are effective in predicting the probability that a convicted 10 person will live and remain at liberty without violating the law if 11 12 parole is granted or continued. If a standard is found to be 13 ineffective, the Board shall not use that standard in its decisions 14 regarding parole and shall adopt revised standards as soon as 15 practicable after the review.

16 7. The Board shall report to each regular session of the 17 Legislature:

(a) The number and percentage of the Board's decisions thatconflicted with the standards;

20 (b) The results and conclusions from the Board's review 21 pursuant to subsection 6; and

(c) Any changes in the Board's standards, policies, procedures,
 programs or forms that have been or will be made as a result of the
 review.

Sec. 34. NRS 213.1099 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 213.1099 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
27 NRS 213.1215, the Board may release on parole a prisoner who is
28 otherwise eligible for parole pursuant to NRS 213.107 to 213.157,
29 inclusive.

30 2. In determining whether to release a prisoner on parole, the31 Board shall consider:

(a) Whether there is a reasonable probability that the prisonerwill live and remain at liberty without violating the laws;

34 (b) Whether the release is incompatible with the welfare of 35 society;

36 (c) The seriousness of the offense and the history of criminal37 conduct of the prisoner;

(d) The standards adopted pursuant to NRS 213.10885 and the
 recommendation, if any, of the Chief; and

40 (e) Any documents or testimony submitted by a victim notified 41 pursuant to NRS 213.131 or 213.10915.

42 3. When a person is convicted of a felony and is punished by a 43 sentence of imprisonment, the person remains subject to the 44 jurisdiction of the Board from the time the person is released on 45 parole under the provisions of this chapter until the expiration of the





1 maximum term or the maximum aggregate term of imprisonment 2 imposed by the court, as applicable, less any credits earned to 3 reduce his or her sentence pursuant to chapter 209 of NRS.

4 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 213.1215, the Board 4. 5 may not release on parole a prisoner whose sentence [to death or] to 6 life without possibility of parole has been commuted to a lesser 7 penalty unless the Board finds that the prisoner has served at least 8 20 consecutive years in the state prison, is not under an order to be 9 detained to answer for a crime or violation of parole or probation in 10 another jurisdiction, and does not have a history of:

11 (a) Recent misconduct in the institution, and has been 12 recommended for parole by the Director of the Department of 13 Corrections:

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(b) Repetitive criminal conduct;

(c) Criminal conduct related to the use of alcohol or drugs;

16 (d) Repetitive sexual deviance, violence or aggression; or

17 (e) Failure in parole, probation, work release or similar 18 programs.

19 In determining whether to release a prisoner on parole 5. 20 pursuant to this section, the Board shall not consider whether the 21 prisoner will soon be eligible for release pursuant to NRS 213.1215.

22 The Board shall not release on parole an offender convicted 6. 23 of an offense listed in NRS 179D.097 until the Central Repository 24 for Nevada Records of Criminal History has been provided an opportunity to give the notice required pursuant to NRS 179D.475. 25 26

Sec. 35. NRS 213.133 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 213.133 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 6, 7 28 and 8, the Board may delegate its authority to hear, consider and act 29 upon the parole of a prisoner and on any issue before the Board to a 30 panel consisting of:

31 (a) Two or more members of the Board, two of whom constitute 32 a quorum; or

33 (b) One member of the Board who is assisted by a case hearing 34 representative.

35 2. No action taken by any panel created pursuant to paragraph 36 (a) of subsection 1 is valid unless concurred in by a majority vote of 37 those sitting on the panel.

38 3. The decision of a panel is subject to final approval by the 39 affirmative action of a majority of the members appointed to the 40 Board. Such action may be taken at a meeting of the Board or without a meeting by the delivery of written approval to the 41 42 Executive Secretary of the Board.

43 The degree of complexity of issues presented must be taken 4. 44 into account before the Board makes any delegation of its authority 45 and before it determines the extent of a delegation.





1 5. The Board shall adopt regulations which establish the basic 2 types of delegable cases and the size of the panel required for each 3 type of case.

4 6. A hearing concerning the parole of a prisoner or any 5 decision on an issue involving a person:

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(a) [Who committed a capital offense; (b) Who is serving a sentence of imprisonment for life;

7 8 (b) Who has been convicted of a sexual offense involving

9 the use or threat of use of force or violence:

(d) (c) Who is a habitual criminal; or

(d) Whose sentence has been commuted by the State 11 12 Board of Pardons Commissioners.

13 \rightarrow must be conducted by at least three members of the Board, and 14 action may be taken only with the concurrence of at least four 15 members.

16 7. If a recommendation made by a panel deviates from the 17 standards adopted by the Board pursuant to NRS 213.10885 or 18 the recommendation of the Division, the Chair must concur in the 19 recommendation.

20 8. A member of the Board or a person who has been designated 21 as a case hearing representative in accordance with NRS 213.135 22 may recommend to the Board that a prisoner be released on parole 23 without a meeting if:

24 (a) The prisoner is not serving a sentence for a crime described 25 in subsection 6;

26 (b) The parole standards created pursuant to NRS 213.10885 27 suggest that parole should be granted;

28 (c) There are no current requests for notification of hearings 29 made in accordance with subsection 4 of NRS 213.131 or, if the 30 Board is not required to provide notification of hearings pursuant to 31 NRS 213.10915, the Board has not been notified by the automated 32 victim notification system that a victim of the prisoner has 33 registered with the system to receive notification of hearings; and

(d) Notice to law enforcement of the eligibility for parole of the 34 prisoner was given pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 213.1085, and 35 36 no person objected to granting parole without a meeting during the 37 30-day notice period.

38 9. A recommendation made in accordance with subsection 8 is 39 subject to final approval by the affirmative action of a majority of the members appointed to the Board. The final approval by 40 41 affirmative action must not take place until the expiration of the 30-42 day notice period to law enforcement of the eligibility for parole of 43 the prisoner in accordance with subsection 5 of NRS 213.1085. 44 Such action may be taken at a meeting of the Board or without a





meeting of the Board by delivery of written approval to the Executive Secretary of the Board by a majority of the members.

Sec. 36. NRS 217.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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> 217.035 "Crime" means:

5 An act or omission committed within this state which, if 1. committed by an adult, is forbidden by law and punishable upon 6 7 conviction by [death,] imprisonment, fine or other penal discipline; 8 or

9 2. An act of international terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 10 2331(1) against a person.

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Sec. 37. NRS 353.094 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 353.094 Claims may be made against the Counties' Trial 13 Assistance Account in the State General Fund by the board of 14 county commissioners of any county as other claims against the State are made for jury fees, witness fees and necessary subsistence 15 16 expenses attendant to any criminal trial for [a capital offense] 17 *murder of the first degree* where:

18 1. It is not established that the crime was actually committed in 19 the county where the indictment was found or the information filed;

20 2. The victim or victims of the crime were not residents of the 21 county where the indictment was found or the information filed; and 22 The trial is conducted in a county other than the county in 3.

23 which the indictment was found or the information filed. 24

NRS 353.264 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 38.

25 353.264 1. The Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account 26 is hereby created in the State General Fund.

27 The State Board of Examiners shall administer the Reserve 2. 28 for Statutory Contingency Account. The money in the Account must 29 be expended only for:

30 (a) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State pursuant to NRS 41.03435, 41.0347, 62I.025, [176.485,] 179.310, 31 212.040, 212.050, 212.070, 281.174, 282.290, 282.315, 288.203, 32 293.253, 293.405, 353.120, 353.262, 412.154 and 475.235; 33

(b) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State 34 35 pursuant to:

(1) Chapter 472 of NRS arising from operations of the 36 37 Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and 38 Natural Resources directly involving the protection of life and 39 property; and

(2) NRS 7.155, 34.750, 176A.640, 179.225 and 213.153,

41 \rightarrow except that claims may be approved for the respective purposes 42 listed in this paragraph only when the money otherwise appropriated 43 for those purposes has been exhausted;

44 (c) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State 45 pursuant to NRS 41.0349 and 41.037, but only to the extent that the





money in the Fund for Insurance Premiums is insufficient to pay the 1 2 claims; and

3 (d) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State 4 pursuant to NRS 535.030 arising from remedial actions taken by the 5 State Engineer when the condition of a dam becomes dangerous to 6 the safety of life or property.

7 The State Board of Examiners may authorize its Clerk or a 3. person designated by the Clerk, under such circumstances as it 8 9 deems appropriate, to approve, on behalf of the Board, the payment of claims from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account. For 10 the purpose of exercising any authority granted to the Clerk of the 11 12 State Board of Examiners or to the person designated by the Clerk 13 pursuant to this subsection, any statutory reference to the State 14 Board of Examiners relating to such a claim shall be deemed to refer 15 to the Clerk of the Board or the person designated by the Clerk.

Sec. 39. NRS 453.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 453.333 If the death of a person is proximately caused by a 18 controlled substance which was sold, given, traded or otherwise 19 made available to him or her by another person in violation of this 20 chapter, the person who sold, gave or traded or otherwise made the 21 substance available to him or her is guilty of murder. If convicted of 22 murder in the second degree, the person is guilty of a category A 23 felony and shall be punished as provided in subsection 5 of NRS 24 200.030. If convicted of murder in the first degree, the person is 25 guilty of a category A felony and shall be punished as provided in 26 subsection 4 of NRS 200.030. [, except that the punishment of 27 death may be imposed only if the requirements of paragraph (a) of 28 subsection 4 of that section have been met and if the defendant is or 29 has previously been convicted of violating NRS 453.3385, 453.339 30 or 453.3395 or a law of any other jurisdiction which prohibits the 31 same conduct.]

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Sec. 40. NRS 453.377 is hereby amended to read as follows:

453.377 A controlled substance may be dispensed by:

34 1. A registered pharmacist upon a legal prescription from a 35 practitioner or to a pharmacy in a correctional institution upon the 36 written order of the prescribing practitioner in charge.

37 A pharmacy in a correctional institution, in case of 2. 38 emergency, upon a written order signed by the chief medical officer. 39 3. A practitioner.

40 4. A registered nurse, when the state, county, city or district 41 health officer has declared a state of emergency.

42 5. A medical intern in the course of his or her internship.

43 6. [A pharmacy in an institution of the Department of

44 Corrections to a person designated by the Director of the





1 Department of Corrections to administer a lethal injection to a 2 person who has been sentenced to death.

3 - 7. A registered pharmacist from an institutional pharmacy, 4 pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board.

Sec. 41. NRS 454.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:

454.221 1. A person who furnishes any dangerous drug
except upon the prescription of a practitioner is guilty of a category
D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130, unless
the dangerous drug was obtained originally by a legal prescription.

10 2. The provisions of this section do not apply to the furnishing 11 of any dangerous drug by:

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(a) A practitioner to his or her patients;

(b) A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633
of NRS if authorized by the Board;

15 (c) A registered nurse while participating in a public health 16 program approved by the Board, or an advanced practice registered 17 nurse who holds a certificate from the State Board of Pharmacy 18 permitting him or her to dispense dangerous drugs;

19 (d) A manufacturer or wholesaler or pharmacy to each other or 20 to a practitioner or to a laboratory under records of sales and 21 purchases that correctly give the date, the names and addresses of 22 the supplier and the buyer, the drug and its quantity; *or*

23 (e) A hospital pharmacy or a pharmacy so designated by a 24 county health officer in a county whose population is 100,000 or 25 more, or by a district health officer in any county within its 26 jurisdiction or, in the absence of either, by the Chief Medical Officer 27 or the Chief Medical Officer's designated Medical Director of 28 Emergency Medical Services, to a person or agency described in 29 subsection 3 of NRS 639.268 to stock ambulances or other 30 authorized vehicles or replenish the stock. [; or

(f) A pharmacy in a correctional institution to a person
 designated by the Director of the Department of Corrections to
 administer a lethal injection to a person who has been sentenced to
 death.]

Sec. 42. Any regulations adopted by the State Board of Pardons Commissioners pursuant to NRS 213.085 regarding the death penalty are void. The Legislative Counsel shall remove those regulations from the Nevada Administrative Code as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act.

40 Sec. 43. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do 41 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a 42 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

43 **Sec. 44.** NRS 34.820, 171.194, 174.098, 175.554, 176.0919, 44 176.345, 176.355, 176.357, 176.365, 176.415, 176.425, 176.435, 45 176.445, 176.455, 176.465, 176.475, 176.485, 176.486, 176.487,



1 176.488, 176.489, 176.491, 176.492, 176.495, 176.505, 177.055, 2 177.095, 178.3971, 200.033, 200.035 and 213.080 are hereby 3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 45.** 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and 5 approval and applies retroactively to a sentence of death that has not 6 yet been executed on the effective date of this act.

7 2. The sentence of death of any person to whom this act applies 8 retroactively shall be deemed to be reduced to a sentence of life 9 without the possibility of parole on the effective date of this act.

10 3. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall take all 11 actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

34.820 Procedure in cases where petitioner has been sentenced to death.

171.194 Procedure when arrest for capital offense.

174.098 Motion to declare that defendant is intellectually disabled: When authorized; procedure.

175.554 Death penalty cases: Instructions to jury; determinations; findings and verdict; hearing to set aside sentence of defendant alleged to be intellectually disabled.

176.0919 Execution stayed pending results of genetic marker analysis.

176.345 Proceedings when conviction carries death penalty.

176.355 Execution of death penalty: Method; time and place; witnesses.

176.357 Request for notification of execution of death penalty; request to attend.

176.365 Director of Department of Corrections to make return on death warrant.

176.415 When execution of death penalty may be stayed.

176.425 Sanity investigation: Filing of petition; stay of execution.

176.435 Sanity investigation: Conduct of hearing.

176.445 Execution of judgment when defendant found sane.

176.455 Suspension of execution when defendant found insane; proceedings on recovery of sanity.

176.465 Investigation of pregnancy: Procedure; hearing.

176.475 Proceedings after investigation: Execution of judgment; suspension of execution; issuance of warrant on termination of pregnancy.





176.485 Costs of investigations borne by State; manner of payment.

176.486 Authority to enter stay of execution.

176.487 Determination of whether to enter stay of execution.

176.488 Entry of stay of execution and necessary orders.

176.489 Vacation of stay of execution.

176.491 Stay of execution following denial of appeal.

176.492 Dissolution of stay of execution which was improperly entered.

176.495 New warrant generally.

176.505 Order following appeal.

177.055 Automatic appeal in certain cases; mandatory review of death sentence by court of appeals or Supreme Court.

177.095 Stay of execution upon sentence of death.

178.3971 Appointment of defense team for defendant accused of murder of first degree.

200.033 Circumstances aggravating first degree murder.

200.035 Circumstances mitigating first degree murder.

213.080 Procedure when death penalty is commuted.



