

REFERENCE TITLE: death sentence; choice; firing squad.

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Introduced by
Senator Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-757, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-757, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 13-757. Method of infliction of sentence of death; identity
5 of executioners; license suspension

6 A. The penalty of death shall be inflicted by FIRING SQUAD, LETHAL
7 GAS OR an intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal
8 quantity sufficient to cause death, under the supervision of the state
9 department of corrections.

10 B. A defendant who is sentenced to death ~~for an offense committed~~
11 ~~before November 23, 1992~~ shall choose ~~either~~ FIRING SQUAD, lethal
12 injection or lethal gas at least twenty days before the execution date.
13 ~~If the defendant fails to choose either lethal injection or lethal gas,~~
14 The penalty of death shall be inflicted by lethal injection IF THE
15 DEFENDANT FAILS TO CHOOSE A MANNER OF DEATH.

16 C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER SECTION, DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD IS THE
17 METHOD OF DEATH FOR A DEFENDANT WHO HAS MURDERED A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
18 AND THE DEFENDANT KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
19 WAS ACTING IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S LINE OF DUTY.

20 ~~C.~~ D. The identity of executioners and other persons who
21 participate or perform ancillary functions in an execution and any
22 information contained in records that would identify those persons is
23 confidential and is not subject to disclosure pursuant to title 39,
24 chapter 1, article 2.

25 ~~D.~~ E. If a person who participates or performs ancillary functions
26 in an execution is licensed by a board, the licensing board shall not
27 suspend or revoke the person's license as a result of the person's
28 participation in an execution.

29 Sec. 2. Conditional enactment

30 This act does not become effective unless the Constitution of
31 Arizona is amended by the vote of the people at the next general election
32 by the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution _____, fifty-seventh
33 legislature, second regular session, relating to capital punishment.