

# AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO

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HOUSE BILL NO. 638

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AMEND HB 638 AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Legislature, in the interest of properly executing justice, authorizes the creation of a study committee to develop a proper, constitutional method of carrying out the sentence of death in the state of Mississippi.

**SECTION 2.** The study shall be comprised of the Commissioner of Corrections, or their designee; a member of the Medical Licensure Board; a member of the Mississippi Coroners Association; the Attorney General, or their designee; a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi; the Director of the Office of Capital Post Conviction, or their designee; the Director of the Office of the State Public Defender, or their designee; the Chair of the House Judiciary En Banc Committee, or their designee; and the Chair of the Senate Judiciary En Banc Committee, or their designee.

**SECTION 3.** The committee shall meet no later than one month after passage of this act. The committee may meet as many times as needed prior to the 2018 Legislative Session, in order to provide a recommendation to bring before the Legislature during that session.

**SECTION 4.** There shall be no state funds expended to implement and execute the study committee. The committee may be able to meet at the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General or the State Capitol, or a place where the committee can meet that will not create an additional expenditure from the State's General Fund.

**SECTION 5.** The study committee shall have a public hearing once a recommendation has been agreed upon prior to the

2018 Legislative Session, held at a time and place that is conducive for public comments.

**SECTION 6.** The study committee shall be dissolved at Sine Die of the 2018 Legislative Session.

**SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in from and after its passage.

**AND FUTHER AMEND THE TITLE TO READ:**

**AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO PROPERLY EXECUTE THE DEATH PENALTY IN THIS STATE; THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE; THE CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE; AND ANY RELATED PURPOSES.**