

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 209

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the death penalty in Nebraska. In 2015, Nebraska voters reinstated the death penalty in this state. Since reinstatement, Nebraska has only carried out one execution. The study should examine the utility of the death penalty as well as the following subjects:

(1) The methods of execution available to Nebraska, and what other states with the death penalty have for execution methodology;

(2) The availability of execution drugs necessary to effectuate the lethal injection method that Nebraska currently uses;

(3) The societal or racial disparity in application of the death penalty;

(4) Prosecutorial practices relating to pursuing death penalty imposition;

(5) Public opinion relating to the death penalty in Nebraska and in other jurisdictions;

(6) The utility or value of the death penalty in Nebraska;

(7) The deterrent effect on criminal behavior, if any, of the death penalty;

(8) Alternatives to the death penalty;

(9) Experiences of other states or jurisdictions relating to the death penalty; and

(10) Any other subject relating to the death penalty in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report

of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.