

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB980

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB980 stipulates that individuals mandated to be present for an execution must consistently observe the entire execution process, commencing from the moment the convicted person enters the execution chamber until the declaration of death or cessation of the execution. These individuals are to remain unobstructed, unshielded, and unhindered in their ability to witness the execution. Additionally, the legislation establishes that those administering or conducting the execution, as per the execution protocol, may, upon request, wear a mask or take measures to conceal their personal identity from the witnesses. The bill also outlines that two members of the Legislature, selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, must be present to observe the execution process.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney