

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE HINES

CRIMINAL/PENALTIES: Abolishes the death penalty in Louisiana

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:144, relative to criminal law generally; to provide that capital  
3 punishment is abolished as a criminal penalty in this state; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:144 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §144. Capital punishment; abolished

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, capital

9 punishment is hereby abolished as a criminal penalty in the state. No person shall

10 be put to death by the state as punishment for the commission of any crime.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Abolishes the death penalty in this state as punishment for a crime.

Proposed law provides that capital punishment be abolished as a criminal penalty and prohibits the state from putting any person to death as punishment for the commission of any crime.

(Adds R.S. 14:144)