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## DIGEST

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HB No. 328

**Abstract:** Provides that electrocution or lethal injection are permissible forms of execution.

Present law provides that every sentence of death executed on or after September 15, 1991, shall be by lethal injection, which is the intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity into the body of a person convicted until such person is dead.

Proposed law retains lethal injection as a form of execution, but also authorizes electrocution as a form of execution for any execution ordered after August 1, 2014.

Proposed law further provides that the method of execution shall be chosen by the secretary of the department based upon the ability to perform the execution.

(Amends R.S. 15:569)