

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 147

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Provides relative to the notice of an execution required to be given to the victim's family. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:570(E)(1), relative to executions of death sentences; to
3 provide relative to the notice of an execution required to be given to a victim's
4 family; to require a victim's family to register with the Crime Victims Services
5 Bureau in order to obtain notice of the date and time of the offender's execution; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:570(E)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9 §570. Execution; officials and witnesses; minors excluded; time of execution; notice
10 to victim's relatives

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12 E.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall,
13 at least ten days prior to the execution, either give written notice or verbal notice,
14 followed by written notice placed in the United States mail within five days
15 thereafter, of the date and time of execution to the victim's parents, or guardian,
16 spouse, and any adult children who have indicated to the secretary that they desire
17 such notice **by registering with the Crime Victims Services Bureau of the**

1 **Department of Public Safety and Corrections**. The secretary, in such notice, shall
2 give the named parties the option of attending the execution.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb (SB 147)

Present law provides relative to capital cases and the execution of death sentences.

Present law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC), at least 10 days prior to an execution, is to give either written notice, or verbal notice followed by written notice, of the date and time of an offender's execution to the victim's parents or guardian, spouse, and any adult children who have indicated to the secretary that they desire such notice, and in the notice give the named parties the option of attending the execution.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the victim's family members are to indicate that they desire notice of the date and time of the execution by registering with the Crime Victims Services Bureau of DPSC.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 15:570(E)(1))