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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to sentencing; repealing s.
921.001, F.S., relating to the Sentencing
Commission and sentencing guidelines,
generally; abolishing the Sentencing
Commission; eliminating certain general
provisions with respect to the sentencing
guidelines; repealing s. 921.005, F.S.,
relating to sentencing criteria; providing
discretion in sentencing to the trial judge;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 921.001, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 95-184, Laws of Florida, and section 921.005, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 2. The sentencing judge in criminal trials is hereby authorized to sentence, within its discretion, within the confines of existing minimums and maximums as required by law.

Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Repeals specified provisions relating to the Sentencing Commission and sentencing guidelines, generally. Abolishes the commission. Repeals specified provisions relating to sentencing criteria. Provides discretion in sentencing to the trial judge.