

By the Committee on Corrections and Representative
Trovillion

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to execution of the death
3 sentence; amending s. 922.11, F.S.; prohibiting
4 videotape recorders and other electronic or
5 mechanical devices and artistic paraphernalia
6 in the execution observation room; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 922.11, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 922.11 Regulation of execution.--

14 (1) The superintendent of the state prison or a deputy
15 designated by him or her shall be present at the execution.
16 The superintendent shall set the day for execution within the
17 week designated by the Governor in the warrant.

18 (2) Twelve citizens selected by the superintendent
19 shall witness the execution. A qualified physician shall be
20 present and announce when death has been inflicted. Counsel
21 for the convicted person and ministers of religion requested
22 by the convicted person may be present. Representatives of
23 news media may be present under rules approved by the
24 Secretary of Corrections. All other persons, except prison
25 officers and correctional officers, shall be excluded during
26 the execution.

27 (3) The body of the executed person shall be delivered
28 to the medical examiner for an autopsy. After completion of
29 the autopsy, the body shall be prepared for burial and, if
30 requested, released to relatives of the deceased. If a coffin
31 has not been provided by relatives, the body shall be

1 delivered in a plain coffin. If the body is not claimed by
2 relatives, it shall be given to physicians who have requested
3 it for dissection or to be disposed of in the same manner as
4 are bodies of prisoners dying in the state prison.

5 (4) No electronic or mechanical devices, including,
6 but not limited to, still or moving picture recorders,
7 videotape recorders, or similar devices, or artistic
8 paraphernalia shall be permitted in the execution observation
9 room.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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13 HOUSE SUMMARY

14 Prohibits videotape recorders, other electronic or
15 mechanical devices, and artistic paraphernalia in the
16 execution observation room.
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