

By Senator Dudley

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the death sentence; amending s. 922.10, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Corrections contract with a private vendor for the purpose of carrying out executions; providing for the vendor to designate the executioner; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 922.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

922.10 Execution of death sentence; executioner.--A death sentence shall be executed by electrocution. The Department of Corrections shall enter into a contract with a private vendor for the purpose of carrying out executions. The private vendor ~~The warden of the state prison~~ shall designate the executioner. Information that ~~which~~, if released, would identify the executioner is confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The warrant authorizing the execution shall be read to the convicted person immediately before execution.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides for a private vendor to execute persons sentenced to death in this state pursuant to a contract with the Department of Corrections. Requires that the vendor, rather than the warden of the state prison, designate the executioner.