

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8922

To amend section 3596 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to implementation of a sentence of death.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2026

Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Detention Reform and  
5        Offender Penalties Act of 2026” or the “DROP Act of  
6        2026”.

7        **SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF A SENTENCE OF DEATH.**

8        Section 3596 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9        amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “prescribed by  
2           the law of the State” and inserting “prescribed by  
3           Federal law or by the law of the State”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(d) METHOD OF EXECUTION.—A sentence of death  
6           may be carried out upon a person using lethal injection  
7           or hanging.

8           “(e) WRITTEN PROTOCOL.—Not later than 180 days  
9           after the date of the enactment of this section, the United  
10          States Marshals Service, in consultation with the Attorney  
11          General and qualified medical officials and qualified cor-  
12          rectional officials, shall establish written protocols with re-  
13          spect to a method of execution permissible under sub-  
14          section (d).

15          “(f) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after  
16          the date of the enactment of this section, the Attorney  
17          General shall take such steps as necessary to revise section  
18          26.3 of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations in accord-  
19          ance with this section.

20          “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21                 “(1) QUALIFIED CORRECTIONAL OFFICIAL.—  
22                 The term ‘qualified correctional official’ means an  
23                 employee or officer of a Federal or State correctional  
24                 institution with relevant experience in custodial or  
25                 execution procedures.

1           “(2) QUALIFIED MEDICAL OFFICIAL.—The  
2 term ‘qualified medical official’ means a medical pro-  
3 fessional licensed to practice under applicable State  
4 law with relevant medical expertise regarding the  
5 physiological effects of a method of execution.”.

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