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H.B. No. 3396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the substance pancuronium bromide to execute an inmate sentenced to death.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 43.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 43.14. EXECUTION OF CONVICT. (a) Whenever the sentence of death is pronounced against a convict, the sentence shall be executed at any time after the hour of 6 p.m. on the day set for the execution, by intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity sufficient to cause death and until such convict is dead, such execution procedure to be determined and supervised by the Director of the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(b) The substance pancuronium bromide may not be used to execute a convict under this article.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.