



- 1           (5) Possible discrimination in death penalty sentencing based upon either  
2           the victim's race or the defendant's race, as well as possible  
3           discrimination with regard to other aspects of capital case processing.  
4           (6) The executions of persons with severe mental illness despite reduced  
5           culpability for their crimes.  
6           (7) The possibility that innocent persons have been sentenced to die and  
7           may be executed; and

8           Whereas, no executions should be carried out in this State until these  
9           proposed reforms can be debated and acted upon; Now, therefore,  
10          The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11           **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 15-194 or any other  
12          provision of State law, the Secretary of Correction shall not set any date prior to  
13          September 1, 2009, for the execution of any person who has been sentenced to death.

14           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.