

COLORADO

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Current Governor: Bill Owens
Term of Office: Jan 2003 - Jan 2007

Legislative Term: Jan. - May

Total Inmate Pop.

(As of 4/30/05): 20,452 **White: 46.3% Black: 21.6% Latino/a: 29.1% Other: 3%**

Death Row Pop.

(As of 5/20/05): 3 **White: 0 Black: 2 Latino/a: 1 Other: 0**

EXECUTIONS:

Since 1976: 1 **White: 1 Black: 0 Latino/a: 0 Other: 0**
(As of 5/20/05)

Carried out in 2003: 0

Carried out in 2004: 0

Scheduled for 2005: 0
(through 5/20/05)

INMATES REMOVED FROM DEATH ROW BETWEEN 1973 AND 2004

(does not include those executed by the state or those who died of natural causes) :

Total Number: 14

Sentence/Conviction

overturned (minus

exonerations): 13

Sentence reduced: 1

Exonerations: 0

Other: 0

RELATED STATUTORY PROVISIONS:

Life without Parole: yes

Prohibits the execution of juvenile offenders: yes

Prohibits the execution of mentally retarded offenders: yes

Prohibits the execution of mentally ill offenders: no

CURRENT STATUS OF THE MORATORIUM:

Moratorium: no

Study: no

HISTORY OF LEGISLATION ADDRESSING ABA ISSUES

Moratorium/Study: Current: None.

Previous Years: 2001-02 : One bill introduced encouraged study of the state death penalty system (SB01-020).

Capital Offenses and Procedures:

Current: None.

Previous Years: None.

Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances:

Current: None.

Previous Years: None.

DNA Testing and Preservation of Material Evidence:

Current: None.

Previous Years: 2003: One bill was signed by the Governor into action which creates a procedure for requesting post-conviction DNA testing (SB03-164).

Crime Labs and Medical Examiner Offices:

Current: None

Previous Years: None.

Counsel Qualifications, Training, and Competency:

Current: None.

Previous Years: None.

Counsel Compensation: Current: None.

Previous Years: None.

Judges and Juries: Current: None.

Previous Years: None.

Racial and Ethnic Minorities: Current: None.

Previous Years: None.

Juvenile Offenders: Current: inapplicable

Previous Years: inapplicable

Mental Retardation, Mental Disability and Mental Competency: Current: 2005: One bill signed into law creates a competency-to-proceed statute for juvenile delinquency cases. Prohibits a juvenile who is incompetent to proceed from being tried or sentenced. Requires the court, prosecution, defense, guardian ad litem, probation department, parent, or legal guardian to raise the issue of competency if there is a belief the juvenile is incompetent to proceed (HB1034).

Previous Years: 2001-02 : One bill signed into law abolished the death penalty for the mentally incompetent (SB01-104).

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PASSED MORATORIUM RESOLUTIONS

Boulder County Bar Association, November 2000

Colorado Bar Association, December 9, 2000

Colorado Criminal Defense Bar Association

County of San Miguel

****Last Updated on June 27, 2005**