

Please support legislation creating an Objective Death Penalty Study Commission with an Execution Moratorium during the study

WHY? Questions are being raised concerning the death penalty system in Missouri.

We've got Questions. We Need Answers.

Question #8

Can Missourians continue to afford the death penalty?

- **Missouri officials cut \$430 million from the budget in 2009. In October, Gov. Nixon eliminated nearly 700 state jobs.¹ Further cuts are inevitable.**
- **Missouri has never had a thorough cost analysis to determine the cost of the death penalty to taxpayers.**
- **In death penalty cases, investigation and trial preparation are much more expensive. Selecting a jury takes longer and involves many more people. 70% of death penalty costs are accrued in the initial trial itself.²**
- **Kansas auditors found trial costs for death cases were about 16 times greater than for non-death cases. The appeal costs for death cases were 21 times greater.³**
- **Nationally, 68% of all death-penalty cases are reversed at some point in the appeal process, frequently for inadequate representation. When the cases are retried, 82% result in a sentence of life or less.⁴**

How many tax-payer dollars are spent to keep the death penalty?

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NOW!**

Because the Ultimate Punishment Deserves Study

Moratorium Now! is a campaign of almost 400 Missouri organizations, houses of worship and businesses calling for a moratorium on executions while Missouri's death penalty is studied.

For more information and citations, please visit www.MoratoriumNow.net

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