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FORM **NPS-8B**
(12-19-2016)

**STATUS OF
DEATH PENALTY STATUTES
NO STATUTE IN FORCE, 2015**
**National Prisoner Statistics
2016**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Name				Title		
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GENERAL INFORMATION

- If you need assistance in completing the questionnaire, please call **Sabrina Webb**, U.S. Census Bureau, toll-free at **1-800-253-2078**.
- Please mail your completed questionnaire to the **U.S. Census Bureau** in the enclosed envelope before **February 10, 2017**, or FAX **both sides** to **1-888-891-2099**.

Who receives this form?

This form is sent to jurisdictions that had no capital statute in effect on December 31, 2015.

What information is collected?

Items on the reverse side of this form relate to death penalty statutes in your jurisdiction during the period **January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016**.

Burden statement

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1. National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) records show that at the end of 2015 your State had NO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT STATUTE. At any time in 2016 was such a law established?

- 01 No – Go to Question 4
02 Yes

Effective date

Citation

Please provide a copy of the law.

2. During 2016, was that law explicitly struck by the U.S. or State Supreme Court?

- 01 No – Go to Question 5
 Yes
- Wholly struck
- 02 By U.S. Supreme Court
03 By State Supreme Court
- Partially struck
- 04 By U.S. Supreme Court
05 By State Supreme Court

Effective date

Citation

Please provide a copy of the law.

3. In the opinion of the Attorney General, what was the impact on persons sentenced under your State's statute?

- 01 All were effectively removed from under sentence of death as of the decision date; that is, legally these persons could not be executed under that sentence.
- 02 None were effectively removed from under sentence of death as of the decision date; that is, legally these persons could still possibly be executed under that sentence.
- 03 Some were effectively removed from under sentence of death as of the decision date while others were not; that is, legally some could still possibly be executed under that sentence while others could not.

4. As of December 31, 2016, does your State CONSTITUTION specifically prohibit capital penalties?

- 01 No
02 Yes

Date

Citation

5. As of December 31, 2016, your State –

- 01 Had no capital punishment statute – STOP HERE and return form.
02 Had a capital punishment statute

6. For what offenses can the death penalty be imposed in your State?

7. Does your State provide for automatic appeal upon imposition of the death penalty, irrespective of the defendant's wishes?

- 01 No
02 Yes

8. What methods of execution are authorized in your capital punishment statute?

Mark (X) all that apply.

- 01 Lethal injection
02 Electrocution
03 Lethal gas
04 Hanging
05 Firing squad
06 Other – Specify ↴