

RESOLUTION NUMBER 359
SCS/SB 321

WHEREAS, SCS/SB 321-which would create a death-penalty study commission; and

WHEREAS, earlier this month, the Senate Progress and Development Committee unanimously voted SCS/SB 321 "Do Pass," enabling it to move to the floor. This measure would help recognize that a comprehensive, objective study would be a positive step in creating a more just, fair society.; and

WHEREAS, across the country 130 men have been exonerated from death row, including three from Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has had the death penalty for over 30 years and never had a comprehensive study to see how effectively and accurately the system works. SCS/SB 321 would set up an independent bi-partisan commission to study how our death penalty system is working. Missourians deserve to have information about this life and death system; and

WHEREAS, this study commission will address, such questions as: What are we doing to ensure innocent people aren't sentenced to death?; What are we doing to ensure victims' families are taken care of in the wake of violent crime?; and What does the death penalty cost Missouri taxpayers?

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we fully support SCS/SB 321and believe it would _____

Introduced on the 23rd day of March, 2009 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of March, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen