

## **An act to amend section 8, article 2, of chapter 31 of the general statutes of 1901**

The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 66 by January 18 and Governor Edward W. Hoch signed the bill into law on January 30, 1907. The law abolished capital punishment in Kansas by prescribing life imprisonment, instead of the death penalty, as punishment for persons convicted of first degree murder. While executions by state authority were legal in Kansas from 1861-1907, the legislature imposed tighter regulations in 1872 that required the time of execution to be ordered by the governor. Kansas governors between 1872-1907 refused to issue execution orders, as required by law, effectively banning state authorized executions during that period. Governor Hoch was a strong opponent of capital punishment.

Creator: Kansas. Legislature

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**House Bill No. 66**

Introduced by Mr. **Mitchell**

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1-11-07 read first time.

1-14-07 read second time and referred to Com. on **Judiciary**

1-16-07 committee recom'd be passed

1-17-07 com. whole recom'd for pass subj **Cons'd**  
amend and debate engrossed

1-18-07 read 3d time and **passed**

Yeas, **67**; nays, **40**

Messaged to Senate **1/18-07**  
**H. G. Wilson**  
Chief Clerk.

**SENATE HISTORY.**

Received on Message **1/18**

1/18 read first time.

1/21 read second time and referred to Com. on **Judiciary**

1/29 committee recom'd **be passed**

1/29 substituted for S. B. **2912**  
com. whole recom'd

1/29 read 3d time and **passed**

Yeas, **30**; nays, **3**

To House **1/29-1907**  
**W. S. Kretschmer**  
Secretary.  
**W. S. Allen - act**  
on.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 66.

BY MR. MITCHELL.

### AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 8, ARTICLE 2, OF CHAPTER 31 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF 1901, AND REPEALING SECTION 8, ARTICLE 2, OF CHAPTER 31 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF 1901, AND SECTIONS 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 270 AND 271 OF ARTICLE 12, CHAPTER 82 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF 1901.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 8, article 2, of chapter 31 of the General Statutes of 1901 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 8. Persons convicted of murder in the first degree shall be punished by confinement and hard labor in the Penitentiary of the state of Kansas for life. Those convicted of murder in the second degree shall be punished by confinement and hard labor for not less than ten years.

Sec. 2. Original section 8, article 2, of chapter 31 of the General Statutes of 1901, and sections 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 270, and 271, article 12, of chapter 82, of the General Statutes of 1901, being paragraphs 5703, 5704, 5705, 5706, 5707, 5708 and 5709 of said statutes, and all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute-book.





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**MAKE OUT IN DUPLICATE AND INSERT FULL TITLE OF BILL.**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on *Judiciary*  
to whom was referred *House* Bill No. *66*

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Chapter 31 of the General Statutes of 1901, and Sections 258, 259, 260,  
261, 262, 270, and 271, of Article 12, Chapter 82, of the General  
Statutes of 1901.

have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the bill back to  
the House with the recommendation that it be

*passed* — — *It be passed*

*J. R. Ryan*  
Chairman



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HOUSE BILL No. 66.

By MR. MITCHELL.

### AN ACT

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

SECTION 1. That section 8, article 2, of chapter 31 of  
2 the General Statutes of 1901 be amended so as to read as  
3 follows. <sup>Sec 8.</sup> Persons convicted of murder in the first degree  
4 shall be punished by confinement and hard labor in the  
5 Penitentiary of the state of Kansas for life. Those con-  
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