**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 816**

[Senate Bill 816](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22749318) seeks to repeal Missouri’s death penalty.

The measure was first heard Jan. 19 in the Missouri Senate [General Laws and Pensions Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/genl/) and voted “do pass” the following week.

Senator Paul Wieland of Imperial sponsors the proposal and says it does not make sense to spend the money needed to keep the death penalty…

**Wieland 1 / Runs :11 / OC: life without parole.**

*“While no studies have been done — necessarily — in the state of Missouri, the Washington State Bar Association found that death penalty cases there estimated to be roughly $470,000 in additional costs then to cases that had life without parole.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur adds there were several people who testified at the second hearing on the bill, held on Jan. 26…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :10 / OC: state of Missouri.**

*“Each of them was found ‘not guilty’ of the crimes that they were sent to death row for, so that is just one reason for overturning the death penalty in the state of Missouri.”*

Senate Bill 816 is now on the Missouri Senate calendar and could be debated at any time.

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