



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On May 4, 2000, the Governor of the State of
3 Illinois issued Executive Order No. 4 that created the
4 Governor's Commission On Capital Punishment; and

5 WHEREAS, The duties of the Commission were: (1) to study
6 and review the administration of the capital punishment process
7 in Illinois to determine why that process has failed in the
8 past, resulting in the imposition of death sentences upon
9 innocent people; (2) to examine ways of providing safeguards
10 and making improvements in the way law enforcement and the
11 criminal justice system carry out their responsibilities in the
12 death penalty process from investigation through trial,
13 judicial appeal, and executive review; (3) to consider, among
14 other things, the ultimate findings and final recommendations
15 of the House Death Penalty Task Force and the Special Supreme
16 Court Committee on Capital Cases and determine the effect these
17 recommendations may have on the capital punishment process; and
18 (4) to make any recommendations and proposals designed to
19 further ensure that the application and administration of the
20 death penalty in Illinois is just, fair, and accurate; and

21 WHEREAS, In April 2002, the Commission issued its
22 recommendations; and

23 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 83 was among the Commission's
24 recommendations and provided that the Illinois Supreme Court
25 should consider ways to broaden the application of many of the
26 recommendations made by the Commission to improve the criminal
27 justice system as a whole; and

28 WHEREAS, Section 16 of Article VI of the Illinois
29 Constitution vests general administrative and supervisory
30 authority over all courts in the Supreme Court of Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, In accordance with this authority, the Illinois
2 Supreme Court has adopted rules governing trial procedures in
3 criminal cases; and

4 WHEREAS, The adoption of Commission Recommendation No. 83
5 by the Illinois Supreme Court would serve the best interests of
6 the Illinois criminal justice system; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois
9 Supreme Court to adopt Recommendation No. 83 of the Governor's
10 Commission On Capital Punishment; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
12 presented to the Honorable Mary Ann G. McMorrow, Chief Justice
13 of the Illinois Supreme Court.