



CHAPTER 15
ARTICLE 19 - EXECUTION

N.C.G.S. § 15-187.

Death penalty.

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Any person convicted of a criminal offense and sentenced to death shall be executed in accordance with G.S. 15-188 and the remainder of this Article. The default method of executing a death sentence shall be as described in G.S. 15-188(a). However, if the method adopted in G.S. 15-188(a) is declared unconstitutional by a North Carolina court of competent jurisdiction then the provisions in G.S. 15-188(b) shall apply. The warden of Central Prison may obtain and employ the drugs and equipment necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article, regardless of contrary provisions in Chapter 90 of the General Statutes; however, if the method of executing a death under G.S. 15-188(a) is unavailable for any other reason, then the provisions in G.S. 15-188(b) shall apply.

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APPARATUS I
7 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER	
01	1909	ch. 443, s. 1	ENACTED	
02	C.S.	s. 4657	RECODIFIED	
03	1935	c. 294, s. 1	AMENDED	
04	1983	c. 678, ss. 1, 4	AMENDED	

05	1998	S.L. 1998-212, s. 17.22(a)	AMENDED
06	2015	S.L. 2015-198, s. 5	AMENDED
07	2025	S.L. 2025-93, s. 6.5(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 15-188		<i>"shall be executed in accordance with"</i>
G.S. 15-188(a)		<i>"sentence shall be as described in"</i>
G.S. 15-188(b)		<i>"competent jurisdiction then the provisions in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15-187 (2025).

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