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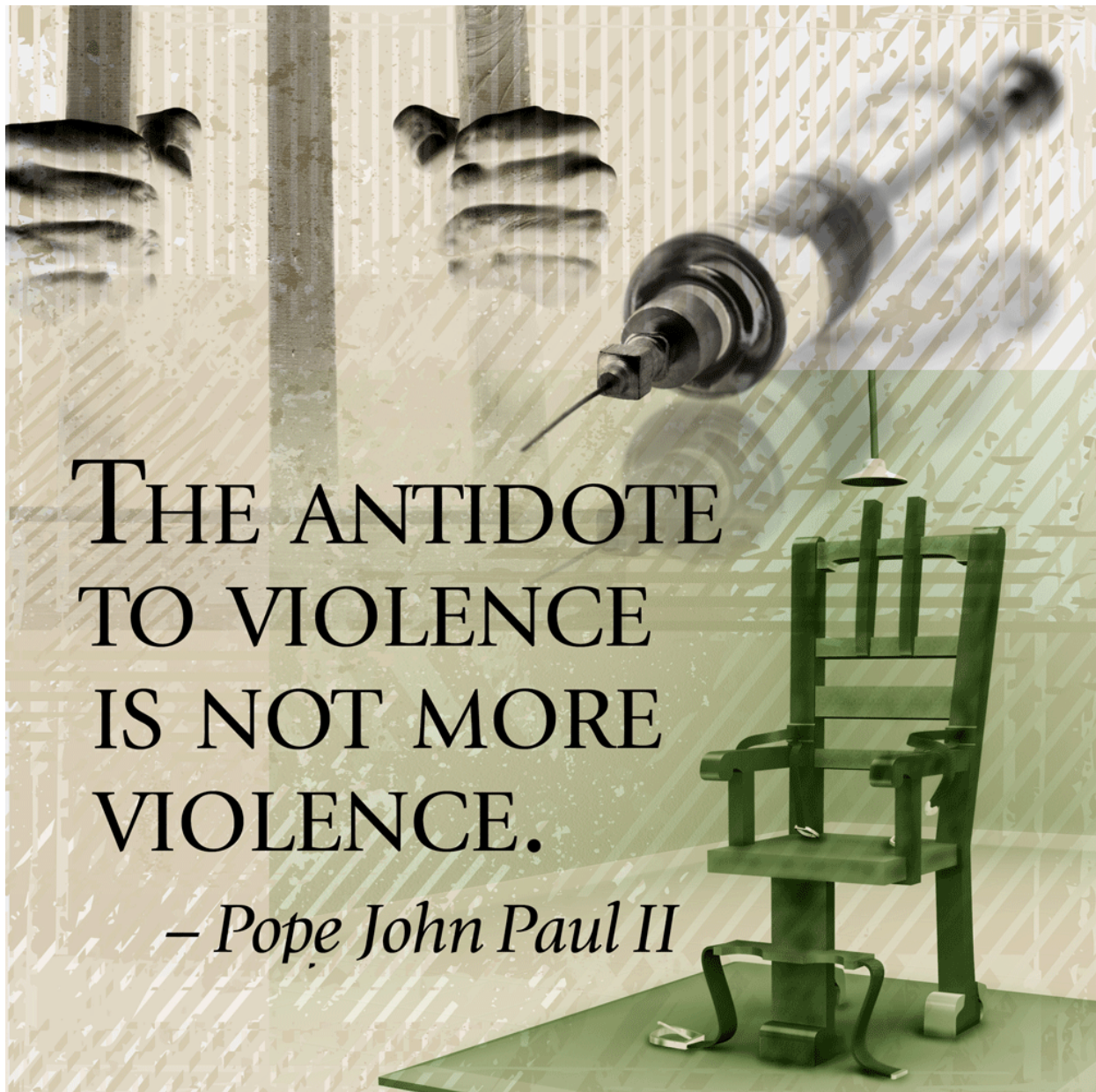


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**Action Alert** / NEWS on Crucial Legislation

March 7, 2018



**On March 13** | there will be a vote on a bill to ban the death penalty for people suffering from severe mental illness.

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**Bill HB1455 / SB1124** *sponsored by Senator Richard Briggs (R-Knoxville) and Representative Bob Ramsey (R-Maryville)*—excludes those with severe mental illness from death penalty. This bill would only impact future cases, not those who are already on death row.

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## **WAIT A MINUTE!**

**What if** the accused has no prior record of severe mental illness? Can they use this law to escape punishment?

**What if** the accused is guilty and qualifies as severely mentally ill; will he or she go back on the street?

**What** qualifies as severely mentally ill?

**Answers**

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**The vote will take place March 13** in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

**PLEASE CALL or EMAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE before March 13 if they are listed below.**

## **House Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

**Chair Representative Andrew Farmer: District 17** (part of Jefferson and Sevier Counties), [rep.andrew.farmer@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.andrew.farmer@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-4419

**Representative Karen Camper: District 87** (part of Shelby County), [rep.karen.camper@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.karen.camper@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-1898

**Representative Michael Curcio: District 69** (Hickman and part of Maury and Dickson Counties), [rep.michael.curcio@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.michael.curcio@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-3513

**Representative Clay Doggett: District 70** (Giles and part of Lawrence Counties), [rep.clay.doggett@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.clay.doggett@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-7476

**Representative Brandon Ogles: District 61** (part of Williamson County), [rep.brandon.ogles@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.brandon.ogles@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-6808

**Representative Antonio Parkinson: District 98** (part of Shelby County), [rep.antonio.parkinson@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.antonio.parkinson@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-4575

**Representative William Lamberth: District 44** (part of Sumner County), [rep.william.lamberth@capitol.tn.gov](mailto:rep.william.lamberth@capitol.tn.gov), (615) 741-1980

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**EVEN IF** your Representative is not on the House Criminal Justice

**Subcommittee**, PLEASE call or email YOUR Senator and Representative before 3/13/19. **WHY? Because both the Senate and House must eventually approve all bills before they can become a law.**

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