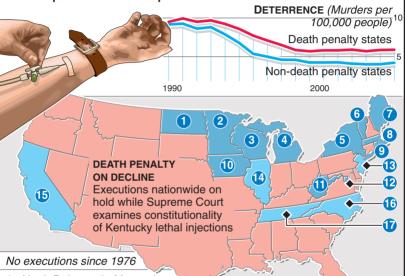
## U.S. state to abolish death penalty

New Jersey will become the first state to formally abolish the death penalty since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. A special state commission reported in January that the death penalty was more expensive than life imprisonment and failed to deter murder



- North Dakota 8. Massachussetts
- 2. Minnesota Rhode Isl.
- 3. Wisconsin 10. lowa
- Michigan 11. West Virginia
- New York 12. Dist. of
- Vermont Columbia
- 7. Maine
- also Alaska. Hawaii Source: Death Penalty Information Centre
- 13. New Jersey Abolition Bill approved by
- state Senate
- 14. Illinois 7-year moratorium
- Under legislative review 15. California
- 16. North Carolina 17. Tennessee

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