

WHAT SB 472 DOES NOT DO

Despite progress in this legislation, many essential reforms remain unimplemented. The bill:

- **Does not substantially reduce the eligibility factors for the death penalty**
- **Does not create state-wide oversight of the decision to seek the death penalty, thus allowing jurisdictional vagaries in sentencing to persist.**
- **Does not create an independent forensic science lab separate from police agencies.**
- **Does not create independent oversight of forensic labs.** (The Illinois State Police Crime Lab is currently “peer accredited” by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors).
- **Does not implement more accurate eyewitness identification procedures for line-ups.** (The bill only creates a pilot project to evaluate proposed procedures which decades of research have established as more accurate.)
- **Does not provide for the appointment of a public defender when a poor person is under arrest at the police station**
- **Does not institutionalize a mechanism for investigating and responding to instances of wrongful convictions.**