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S 932. DNA TESTS/CONVICTED MURDERERS. TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND SENTENCED TO DEATH MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DNA TESTING IF RELEVANT TO THE DEFENDANT'S ASSERTION OF ACTUAL INNOCENCE. Adds new GS 15A-2004 as title indicates. Permits motion to conduct DNA testing on evidence that was secured in relation to the trial but that has not been so tested. Directs court to allow testing upon a determination that results of the testing will produce new, noncumulative evidence materially relevant to defendant's assertion of innocence and that the testing will employ a generally accepted scientific method. Provides that court selects the test performer.

Intro. by Rand.

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