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A day after another failed execution in Ohio, Gov. John Kasich's office says the state's capital punishment protocol doesn't need to change.

Meanwhile, civil rights advocates say the latest failure could be used as evidence in future challenges to the constitutionality of Ohio's death penalty law.

Kasich was forced Wednesday to grant a reprieve for Alva Campbell on Wednesday when a medical team in the death chamber at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility determined that it couldn't find two suitable veins in his arms or legs to carry out his lethal injection. Campbell, 69, had been strapped to a gurney and poked and prodded for about 30 minutes when the team made the determination.

The failure of the execution appears to be just the third in modern U.S. history and the second to occur in Ohio during the past decade.

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