

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 643

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

PAROLE: Provides relative to the supervision of parolees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(D)(1) and to enact R.S. 15:574.7(E), relative to the
3 committee on parole; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the committee
4 on parole; to provide relative to the time and conditions of release on parole; to
5 provide relative to the supervision and fees associated with the supervision of a
6 parolee; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 15:574.7(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §574.2. Committee on parole, Board of Pardons; membership; qualifications;
11 vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels;
12 powers and duties; transfer of property to committee; representation of
13 applicants before the committee; prohibitions

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15 D. In accordance with the provisions of this Part, the committee on parole
16 shall have the following powers and duties:

17 (1) ~~Except as provided in Paragraph (C)(4) of this Section, to~~ To determine
18 the time and conditions of release on parole of any offender who has been convicted

sentenced to imprisonment, and confined in any penal or correctional institution in this state to be in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:574.7).

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4) requires each parolee to remain in the legal custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services, and requires the parolee to be subject to the order and supervision of the committee. Further provides that at the direction of the committee, the chief probation and parole officer shall be responsible for the investigation and supervision of all parolees. Authorizes the committee to modify or suspend such supervision upon a determination that a parolee who had conducted himself in accordance with the conditions of his parole no longer needs the guidance and supervision originally imposed.

Proposed law provides that upon recommendation of the supervising parole officer and approval of the committee on parole, the level of supervision and fees associated with the supervision of a parolee may be reduced after the parolee has served a minimum of five years without a violation of the terms and conditions of parole for a crime that is not a crime of violence as defined by present law (R.S. 14:2(B)) and a minimum of seven years for a crime that is a crime of violence as defined by present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(D)(1); Adds R.S. 15:574.7(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Restore present law relative to the committee's determination of time and conditions of release on parole of any offender who has been convicted of a felony and sentenced to imprisonment.
2. Relative to the custody and supervision of parolees, authorize a reduction in the level of supervision and fees after a parolee has served a certain length of time.