

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 282

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Clarifies that to qualify as a juror a person not be under indictment for, nor convicted of a felony for which he has not been pardoned by the governor. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 401(A)(5), relative to qualifications
3 of jurors; to provide for persons who have been convicted of a felony but not
4 received a pardon by the governor; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 401(A)(5) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 401. General qualifications of jurors

9 A. In order to qualify to serve as a juror, a person must:

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11 (5) Not be under indictment for a felony nor have been convicted of a felony
12 for which he has not been pardoned **by the governor**.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

Present law provides that one of the qualifications of a person to be a juror is that the person not be under indictment for a felony or been convicted of a felony for which he has not been pardoned. Proposed law retains this provision but clarifies that the person convicted of a felony not have received a pardon from the governor.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(C. Cr. P. Art. 401(A)(5))