

---

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 149 Original

2020 Regular Session

Bryant

**Abstract:** Reduces the time period an applicant sentenced to life imprisonment is required to wait before filing a subsequent application to the Board of Pardons after a denial of an initial application.

Present law provides that persons sentenced to life imprisonment are ineligible to apply to the Board of Pardons for a pardon or commutation of sentence for 15 years after being sentenced by the trial court, except that periods of time prior to the imposition of the sentence in which the defendant was in actual custody for the offense he was sentenced to life imprisonment shall be included in computing the 15-year period.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the initial application is denied, the applicant may file a new application to the board no earlier than five years from the date of action of the board. Provides that any subsequent applications cannot be filed earlier than five years from the preceding action by the board.

Proposed law reduces these time periods from five years to two years.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.4(D))