
DIGEST

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HB 588 Engrossed

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Gaines

Abstract: Provides relative to relief for cases in which a non-unanimous jury verdict was rendered.

Present law provides for the grounds of post-conviction relief.

Present law provides relative to remedies for certain offenders.

Proposed law adds an additional ground for convictions rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to create and establish a board for the purpose of reviewing all cases in which a non-unanimous jury verdict was rendered prior to 2018. Provides for the composition and duties of the board. Further authorizes the DPS&C to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out proposed law.

Proposed law provides that no application for post-conviction relief shall be considered if it is filed more than one year after the effective date of this statute.

Proposed law adds an exception for convictions rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury verdict.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:574.2.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change the quorum requirement from three out of five members to four out of five members.
2. Remove the requirement that a uniform application for special consideration be approved by the Supreme Court of La., and provide that the special committee develop and approve the uniform application.
3. Change the affirmative vote requirement for petitioners serving a life sentence from two

out of three votes to three out of three votes.