
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to parole eligibility, consideration, and hearings for persons convicted by a non-unanimous jury.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.2) provides relative to the duties and procedures of the committee on parole.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a unanimous vote of the committee is required to grant parole.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a majority of a three-member panel of the committee is required to grant parole or, if the number of members of the panel exceeds three, a majority vote of those present is required to grant parole for a person serving a sentence that was imposed pursuant to a non-unanimous jury verdict.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4) provides for parole eligibility.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that an offender serving a sentence that was imposed pursuant to a non-unanimous jury verdict is immediately eligible for parole consideration.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4.1) provides for parole consideration and hearings.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the committee, beginning on Aug. 1, 2026, to consider or reconsider the parole application of any prisoner who is serving a sentence that was imposed pursuant to a non-unanimous jury verdict.

Proposed law requires the committee to notify the prisoner in writing of the reason for denial if the prisoner is not granted parole and permits the prisoner to file a new application to the board no earlier than one year from the date of action by the board.

Proposed law prohibits the filing of any subsequent applications any earlier than one year after the immediately preceding action taken by the board.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(C)(2)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 15:574.2(C)(4), 574.4(L), and 574.4.1(F))