

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 336**

**2026 Regular Session**

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CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to post-conviction relief

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Clarifies that the petitioner files, rather than submits, an unexhausted claim.
2. Clarifies that the proper venue to file an unexhausted claim is in the state district court for the parish where the petitioner was convicted.
3. Provides that present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 926), relative to petitions for post-conviction relief, also applies to any application filed pursuant to proposed law.
4. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law requires a petitioner to file an unexhausted claim to the state district court for the parish where the petitioner was convicted within 30 days of the granting of a stay from a federal court if all of the following have occurred:

- (1) The petitioner failed to raise a claim for post-conviction relief in state district court.
- (2) The petitioner raised a claim for post-conviction relief in a petition for a federal habeas corpus proceeding.
- (3) A federal court stayed the habeas corpus proceeding to allow the petitioner to exhaust the claim in state district court.

Proposed law provides for the contents to be included within an application that raises an unexhausted claim.

Proposed law provides for dismissal of the application upon the failure of the petitioner to satisfy any requirement in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that present law (C.Cr.P. Arts. 926 and 927.1), relative to petitions and abandonment of applications, apply to any application that is filed pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires the state district court to expedite its consideration and resolution of an unexhausted claim.

Proposed law requires the La. Supreme Court to give priority consideration to and expedite its review of an unexhausted claim if any party invokes the supervisory jurisdiction of the supreme court.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 927.2)