

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 201 by Senator Morris

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "Art. 878.1(D)" to "Article 878.1(A) and (D)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 6, change "Art. 878.1(D) is" to "Article 878.1(A) and (D) are"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

7 "A.(1) If an offender is indicted on or after August 1, 2017, for the crime of
 8 first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) where the offender was under the age of eighteen
 9 years at the time of the commission of the offense, the district attorney may file a
 10 notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole
 11 within one hundred eighty days after the indictment. If the district attorney timely
 12 files the notice of intent, a hearing shall be conducted after conviction and prior to
 13 sentencing to determine whether the sentence shall be imposed with or without
 14 parole eligibility. If the court determines that the sentence shall be imposed with
 15 parole eligibility, the offender shall be eligible for parole pursuant to ~~the provisions~~
 16 ~~of R.S. 15:574.4(E)~~. If the district attorney fails to timely file the notice of intent,
 17 the sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility and the offender shall be eligible
 18 for parole pursuant to ~~the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(E)~~ without the need of a
 19 judicial determination pursuant to ~~the provisions of this Article~~. If the court
 20 determines that the sentence shall be imposed without parole eligibility, the offender
 21 shall not be eligible for parole.

22 **(2) If an offender is indicted on or after August 1, 2026, for the crime of**
 23 **second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) where the offender was under the age of**
 24 **eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense, the district attorney**
 25 **may file a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without**
 26 **possibility of parole within one hundred eighty days after the indictment. If the**
 27 **district attorney timely files the notice of intent, a hearing shall be conducted**
 28 **after conviction and prior to sentencing to determine whether the sentence shall**
 29 **be imposed with or without parole eligibility. If the court determines that the**
 30 **sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility, the offender shall be eligible**
 31 **for parole pursuant to R.S. 15:574.4(F). If the district attorney fails to timely**
 32 **file the notice of intent, the sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility and**
 33 **the offender shall be eligible for parole pursuant to R.S. 15:574.4(F) without the**
 34 **need of a judicial determination pursuant to this Article. If the court**
 35 **determines that the sentence shall be imposed without parole eligibility, the**
 36 **offender shall not be eligible for parole."**