

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

PAROLE: Reduces length of time that must be served by certain offenders before becoming parole eligible

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(B)(1), relative to parole eligibility; to amend provisions  
3 of law regarding parole eligibility for crimes of violence; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §574.4. Parole; eligibility

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9 B.(1) No person shall be eligible for parole consideration who has been  
10 convicted of armed robbery and denied parole eligibility under the provisions of R.S.  
11 14:64. Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, and except as  
12 provided in Subsections D and E of this Section, no prisoner serving a life sentence  
13 shall be eligible for parole consideration until his life sentence has been commuted  
14 to a fixed term of years. No prisoner sentenced as a serial sexual offender shall be  
15 eligible for parole. No prisoner may be paroled while there is pending against him  
16 any indictment or information for any crime suspected of having been committed by  
17 him while a prisoner. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary,  
18 a person convicted of a crime of violence and not otherwise ineligible for parole shall  
19 serve at least ~~eighty-five~~ sixty-five percent of the sentence imposed for a first felony  
20 conviction, and seventy-five percent of the sentence imposed for a second or

