DIGEST

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Lopinto HB No. 326

Abstract: Provides notice of parole hearings to the district attorney of the parish of conviction, and authorizes the presentation of testimony and submission of information by the district attorney.

<u>Present law</u> requires the committee on parole to provide written notification to the following persons at least seven days prior to the release of any parolees that reside within the jurisdiction of the agency they represent: chief of police, sheriff, district attorney for the parish where the parolee resides, and the district attorney for the parish where the parolee was convicted.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that in addition to this notice, the committee on parole shall provide written notification to the district attorney for the parish where the offender was convicted at least 30 days prior to the parole hearing date.

<u>Proposed law</u> further authorizes the district attorney of the parish where the offender was convicted to review the record of the offender since incarceration, to present testimony to the committee on parole, and to submit information relevant to the proceedings.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Amended the authority of the district attorney relative to participation in a parole hearing.