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Abstract: Amends the time periods for persons serving life sentences to apply for a pardon or commutation of sentence.

Present law provides that persons sentenced to life imprisonment are ineligible to apply to the Board of Pardons for a pardon or commutation of sentence for 15 years after being sentenced by the trial court.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a person is ineligible to apply for a pardon or commutation of sentence for 15 years after his arrest.

Present law provides that if the initial application is denied, the applicant may file a new application to the board no earlier than five years from the date of action of the board. Provides that any subsequent applications cannot be filed earlier than five years from the preceding action by the board.

Proposed law reduces these periods of time from five to three years.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.4(D))