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## DIGEST

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HB 12 Engrossed

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the appearance of certain persons before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole by teleconference.

Present law authorizes a crime victim or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group, and the district attorney or his representative to appear before the Board of Pardons (board) by means of telephone communication from the office of the local district attorney.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize any person providing testimony to appear before the board by means of teleconference or telephone communication and removes the provision which requires the person to be at the office of the local district attorney.

Present law provides that the crime victim or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group, and the district attorney or his representatives, may appear before the committee on parole (committee) by means of telephone communication from the office of the local district attorney.

Proposed law amends present law to require any person providing testimony to appear before the committee by means of teleconference or telephone communication and removes the provision which requires the person to be at the office of the local district attorney.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:573.2 and 574.4.1(A)(2))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law provisions allowing the Board of Pardons and the committee on parole to host meetings or hearings via teleconference.