## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to relief for cases in which a non-unanimous jury verdict was rendered.

<u>Proposed law</u> (C.Cr.P. Art. 15.1) authorizes the La. Supreme Ct. to create and establish a board for the purpose of reviewing all cases in which a non-unanimous jury verdict was rendered prior to 2018. Provides for the composition and duties of the board. Further authorizes the La. Supreme Ct. to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out <u>proposed law</u>.

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 930.3) provides for the grounds of post conviction relief.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds an additional ground for convictions rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury.

<u>Present law</u> (C.Cr.P. Art. 930.8) provides that no application for post conviction relief shall be considered if it is filed more than two years after the judgment of conviction and sentence has become final, unless certain present law exceptions apply.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds an exception for convictions rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury verdict.

Present law (R.S. 15:574.4) provides relative to parole eligibility for certain offenders.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a person serving a sentence for a conviction rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury shall be entitled to a parole hearing before the committee on parole within 180 days of the person receiving notice from the board established by <u>proposed law</u> that his case has been reviewed and he is eligible for parole.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Arts. 15.1, 930.3(9), 930.8(7) and R.S. 15:574.4(K))