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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires notice to victims, families, and other parties prior to issuance of a pardon or in other circumstances.

Present law provides for the authority of the governor to grant pardons and reprieves.

Proposed law retains those provisions of present law.

Proposed law requires that at least 30 days prior to taking action on a recommendation of the Board of Pardons, the governor shall notify the following before issuing the pardon or commuting the sentence:

- (1) The victim, family member of the victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim.
- (2) The appropriate court of criminal jurisdiction.
- (3) The district attorney of the parish in which the applicant was convicted.

Proposed law requires LDH to notify the district attorney and criminal court (regarding a defendant adjudicated not competent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity and committed to LDH) when:

- (1) The defendant is transferred to another facility.
- (2) The defendant is released from custody or placed on conditional release.

Proposed law further requires the district attorney to notify the victim or victim's family if they have requested notification.

Proposed law requires LDH to notify the district attorney, victim, and criminal court if the person escapes.

Proposed law requires LDH notify the same people in 48 hours if the defendant is recaptured.

(Amends R.S. 15:572(A); Adds R.S. 46:1844(Y))