
DIGEST

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HB No. 558

Abstract: Provides relative to sex offender registration and notification requirements of persons convicted under the laws of another state and amends procedures relative to documentation pertaining to the offense which requires sex offender registration and notification.

Present law provides that any person who is convicted of an offense under the laws of another state shall be subject to and shall comply with all of the registration requirements in La. within three business days of establishing a residence in La. and shall comply with all notification requirements in La. within 21 days of establishing a residence in La. This person is also required to notify the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within three business days of establishing residence in La.

Proposed law requires such persons to provide certified copies of court records pertaining to the offense or offenses which require registration as a sex offender to the bureau within three business days of establishing residence in La.

Present law provides that the registration period for a person who is convicted of an offense under the laws of another state shall be the same as a person convicted of a similar offense under the laws of this state.

Proposed law amends present law and provides that for any person convicted under the laws of another state who moves to La. and is required to register under the laws of this state or under the laws of the state in which he was convicted, shall do so for the length of time required by the jurisdiction of his conviction or the length of time required in La., whichever period is longer.

Proposed law provides that the frequency of in-person periodic renewals of registration shall be conducted pursuant to La. present law.

Proposed law removes present law requirement that the petition to be relieved of the sex offender registration requirements must be accompanied by a certification from the office of state police of the offender's history of registration in La., and amends the requirement to provide that this information shall be provided to the court upon receipt of the pleading by the office of state police.

(Amends R.S. 15:542.1.3(A) and (B)(4) and 544(C), (D), and (E); Adds R.S. 15:542.1.3.(B)(5) and 544(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added provision which states that the provisions of proposed law shall apply to persons who were convicted and are required to register pursuant to the laws of another state.
2. Added provision which states that the offender is required to renew and update his registration information in-person as required by present law and provided that the frequency with which the person is required to register shall be pursuant to La. law.