

Prior law provided 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.

Prior law required the bureau, within 90 days of receiving registration information of the out-of-state offender from the sheriff pursuant to existing law, to determine which time period of registration and the frequency of in-person periodic renewals is applicable to the offender while residing in La.

Prior law provided that the registration period and the frequency of in-person periodic renewals 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.

New law makes the following changes:

- (1) Requires a person convicted under the laws of another state to provide certified copies of court records pertaining to the offense or offenses which require registration as a sex offender to the bureau within 30 business days of establishing residence in La.
- (2) Decreases the time period within which the bureau shall make its determination as to the time period of registration and the frequency of in-person periodic renewals from within 90 days of receiving the information from the sheriff to within 60 days of receiving the certified copies of court records from the offender.
- (3) Provides that until the bureau makes this determination, the offender shall appear for in-person renewals every three months and thereafter the frequency with which he is required to appear will be based upon the determination by the bureau.
- (4) Provides that a person who is convicted under the laws of another state who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to La.'s existing law shall do so for the period of time required by his state of conviction or for the period of time required by La., whichever period is longer.
- (5) Removes prior 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.
- (6) Provides for prospective application, applying to any offender who establishes a residence in La. on or after the effective date of new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 14, 2012).

(Amends R.S. 15:542.1.3(A) and (B)(2) and 544(C), (D), and (E); Adds R.S. 15:544(F))