HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 413 by Representative Harrison

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides with respect to parole eligibility

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall have prospective application only and shall apply only to offenders convicted on and after the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person committed to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for a term or terms of imprisonment with or without benefit of parole for 30 years or more shall be eligible for parole consideration upon serving at least 20 years of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon reaching the age of 45.

<u>Present law</u> does not apply to those persons serving life sentences unless the sentence has been commuted to a fixed term of years and for persons convicted of armed robbery.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and exempts from <u>present law</u> those persons convicted of crimes of violence or sex offenses.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that it shall have prospective application only and shall apply only to offenders convicted on and after the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.4(A)(2))