

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**PARDON/PAROLE. Provides with respect to parole eligibility**

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DIGEST

Present law 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.

Present law 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.

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

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Removed exemption for those persons sentenced as habitual offenders.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

- 1. Adds that provisions of Act have prospective application only and apply only to offenders convicted on and after the effective date of the Act.