2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(J)(1)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.

3   15:574.4(J)(4), relative to parole eligibility for juvenile offenders; to modify the

4   applicability of certain parole eligibility provisions to juvenile offenders serving life

5   sentences; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7   Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(J)(1)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and

8   reenacted and R.S. 15:574.4(J)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9   §574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders

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11   J.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and except as

12   provided in Subsections D, E, F, G, and H of this Section, any person serving a term

13   or terms of imprisonment that result in a period of incarceration of twenty-five years

14   or more and who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission

15   of the offense shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to the provisions of

16   this Subsection if all of the following conditions have been met:

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18   (4) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to a person serving a

19   sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of R.S. 14:30, 30.1, 42, or 44.

20   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

21   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

22   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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1   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

2   effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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