

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 355

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

PARDON/PAROLE: Authorizes nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations to nominate members to the Board of Pardons, Board of Parole, and the Crime Victims Reparations Board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.1(A) and 574.2(A)(1) and R.S. 46:1803(B), relative to
3 criminal justice; to provide with respect to the membership of the Board of Pardons,
4 the Board of Parole, and the Crime Victims Reparations Board; to authorize certain
5 victim's rights advocacy organizations to nominate a person to each of the boards;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.1(A) and 574.2(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §572.1. Board of Pardons; membership; domicile; session; quorum

11 A. The Board of Pardons shall consist of five electors, who shall be
12 appointed by the governor to serve terms concurrent with the governor making the
13 appointments, or until their successors are appointed and take office. Beginning with
14 appointments made to the board, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board,
15 ~~which occur after August 15, 2008, at least one of the members shall be appointed~~
16 ~~from a list of three names submitted by the membership of Victims and Citizens~~
17 ~~Against Crime, Inc. All appointments shall be subject to~~ which occur after August
18 15, 2010, at least one of the members shall be appointed from a list of names
19 submitted by nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations registered with the

1 state of Louisiana with each organization submitting a list of three names. All
2 appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. The governor shall
3 designate the chairman of the board.

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5 §574.2. Board of Parole; membership; qualifications; vacancies; compensation;
6 domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels; powers and duties; transfer of
7 property to board; representation of applicants before the board; prohibitions

8 A.(1) A board of parole, hereinafter referred to as "the board", is hereby
9 created in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. It shall consist of seven
10 members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the chairman of the
11 board, and all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. ~~One of the seven~~
12 ~~members shall be appointed from a list of at least three names submitted by Victims~~
13 ~~and Citizens Against Crime, Inc.~~ Beginning with appointments made to the board,
14 or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board, which occur after August 15, 2010,
15 at least one of the members shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by
16 nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations registered with the state of
17 Louisiana with each organization submitting a list of three names. Each appointment
18 by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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20 Section 2. R.S. 46:1803(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 §1803. Crime Victims Reparations Board

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23 B. The board shall be composed of the executive director of the Louisiana
24 Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice or his
25 designee, one person, who shall be chosen and appointed by the governor, from a list
26 of three recommendations submitted to the governor by ~~the Victims and Citizens~~
27 ~~Against Crime, Inc.~~ nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations registered with
28 the state of Louisiana with each organization submitting a list of three names, and
29 nine members who shall be appointed by the governor for a term concurrent with that

1 of the governor. Each appointment shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.
 2 At least one member shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts in
 3 the state. Of the governor's nine appointees, at least one shall be a full voting
 4 member who shall be sixty years of age or over and shall serve as a representative
 5 of the elderly population of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations to nominate a member of the Board of Pardons, Board of Parole, and the Crime Victims Reparations Board.

Present law provides for the membership of the Board of Pardons, Board of Parole, and Crime Victims Reparations Board.

Present law requires Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc., to submit nominations to the governor for appointment to each of these boards and provides that the governor shall appoint one member from these recommendations.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that beginning with appointments made to the boards, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the boards which occur after Aug. 15, 2010, at least one of the members shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations registered with the state of La., with each organization submitting a list of three names.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.1(A) and 574.2(A)(1) and R.S. 46:1803(B))