

Regular Session, 2011
HOUSE BILL NO. 416
BY REPRESENTATIVE LOPINTO

ACT No. 285

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1), relative to parole eligibility; to provide for
3 parole eligibility for certain offenders after serving a certain portion of the criminal
4 sentence; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §574.4. Parole; eligibility

8 A.(1)(a) Unless eligible at an earlier date and except ~~Except~~ as provided for
9 in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph and Subsection B of this Section, a person,
10 otherwise eligible for parole, convicted of a first felony offense shall be eligible for
11 parole consideration upon serving ~~one-third~~ thirty-three and one-third percent of the
12 sentence imposed. Upon conviction of a second felony offense, such person shall
13 be eligible for parole consideration upon serving ~~one-half~~ fifty percent of the
14 sentence imposed. A person convicted of a third or subsequent felony offense shall
15 not be eligible for parole.

16 (b)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,
17 a person, otherwise eligible for parole, convicted of a first felony offense shall be
18 eligible for parole consideration upon serving twenty-five percent of the sentence
19 imposed. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to any person who has
20 been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), has been convicted
21 of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, has been sentenced as a habitual offender
22 pursuant to R.S. 15:529.1, or is otherwise ineligible for parole.

