



1           WHEREAS, the Promise of Justice Initiative is a nonprofit legal firm representing  
2 clients in both *Ramos v. Louisiana*, 140 S. Ct. 1390, 206 L.Ed.2d 583 (2020), *Edwards v.*  
3 *Vannoy*, 593 U.S. 255, 141 S.Ct. 1547, 209 L.Ed.2d 651 (2021), and many others under its  
4 "Jim Crow Jury Project"; and

5           WHEREAS, a range of statistics, from eight hundred to one thousand five hundred,  
6 has emerged as to how many people are currently in prison based on a nonunanimous jury  
7 verdict; and

8           WHEREAS, no definitive list has been produced regarding the parish of conviction,  
9 the guilty charges, and other relevant data.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 urge and request the Louisiana District Attorneys Association (LDAA), with the support of  
12 the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association and the Promise of Justice Initiative (PJI), to  
13 compile the following data:

14           (1) A list of incarcerated people whom the LDAA and PJI agree were convicted  
15 under a nonunanimous jury.

16           (2) A list of incarcerated people whom one of LDAA or PJI believe were convicted  
17 under a nonunanimous jury.

18           (3) For each person under Paragraphs (1) and (2), all of the following information  
19 that is available:

20           (a) Age.

21           (b) Parish of conviction.

22           (c) Charges resulting in convictions.

23           (d) Charges submitted to the jury.

24           (e) Sentence.

25           (f) Time served on the sentence.

26           (g) Possible release date.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
28 president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, the executive director of the  
29 Louisiana District Attorneys Association, and the executive director of the Promise of  
30 Justice Initiative.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any  
2 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter  
3 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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DIGEST

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Requests the La. District Attorneys Association to study certain information relative to nonunanimous jury verdicts.