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SENATE BILL NO. 282

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Clarifies that to qualify as a juror a person not be under indictment for, nor convicted of a felony for which he has not been pardoned by the governor. (8/15/10)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 401(A)(5), relative to qualifications
3	of jurors; to provide for persons who have been convicted of a felony but not
4	received a pardon by the governor; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 401(A)(5) is hereby amended and
7	reenacted to read as follows:
8	Art. 401. General qualifications of jurors
9	A. In order to qualify to serve as a juror, a person must:
10	* * *
11	(5) Not be under indictment for a felony nor have been convicted of a felony
12	for which he has not been pardoned by the governor .
13	* * *

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that one of the qualifications of a person to be a juror is that the person not be under indictment for a felony or been convicted of a felony for which he has not been pardoned. <u>Proposed law</u> retains this provision but clarifies that the person convicted of a felony not have received a pardon from the governor.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(C. Cr. P. Art. 401(A)(5))