

SENATE BILL 750

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;  
Title 9, Chapter 8, Part 1 and Title 40, relative to  
criminal procedure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-108(a)(7), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Shall hear claims for compensation by persons wrongfully imprisoned and granted exoneration pursuant to § 40-27-109 and by persons whose convictions are vacated based on deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence after service of at least twenty-five (25) calendar years in prison.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-108(a)(7)(F), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(i) If the claimant is granted exoneration pursuant to § 40-27-109, then the claim for compensation under this subdivision (a)(7) must be filed with the board no later than one (1) year from the date the exoneration is granted; and

(ii) If the claimant's conviction is vacated based on deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence and the claimant has served at least twenty-five (25) calendar years in prison, then the claim for compensation under this subdivision (a)(7) may be filed at any time after the conviction is vacated.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.