



1           WHEREAS, there is an interest by the public and the legislature in understanding the  
2 full impact of non-unanimous jury verdicts within the state of Louisiana; and

3           WHEREAS, the legislature should give consideration to the establishment of a  
4 sentencing review panel for non-unanimous jury convictions within the Department of  
5 Public Safety and Corrections; and

6           WHEREAS, understanding the fiscal impact of establishing and operating a review  
7 panel is essential for legislative decision-making.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
9 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to analyze and determine the fiscal impact of  
10 establishing and operating a sentencing review panel within the Department of Public Safety  
11 and Corrections for non-unanimous jury verdicts.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor consider the following in  
13 its analysis:

14           (1) Salaries for twelve panel members comprised of the following:

15           (a) Six licensed attorneys.

16           (b) Six other staff members which may include data analysts, investigators,  
17 paralegals, and administrative staff.

18           (2) Operational expenses.

19           (3) Collection and analysis of sentencing data prior to January 1, 2019, case review,  
20 and an offender's eligibility for pardon or commutation of sentence.

21           (4) Any other expenditures of the panel necessary to complete the review of all cases  
22 within one year.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor report its findings to the  
24 Speaker of the House no later than December 31, 2025.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
26 Legislative Fiscal Officer, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the David R.  
27 Poynter Legislative Research Library.

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DIGEST

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To authorize and direct the legislative auditor to analyze and determine the fiscal impact of establishing and operating a sentencing review panel within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for non-unanimous jury verdicts and to reports its findings to the legislature no later than December 31, 2025.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Change the office responsible for the fiscal analysis of establishing and operating a sentencing review panel from the Legislative Fiscal Office to the legislative auditor.