

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 267 (HB 205)

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Bouie

Existing law provides that persons sentenced to life imprisonment are ineligible to apply to the Board of Pardons for a pardon or commutation of sentence for 15 years after being sentenced by the trial court.

New law retains existing law and provides an exception that periods of time prior to the imposition of the sentence in which the defendant was in actual custody for the offense he was sentenced to life imprisonment shall be included in computing the 15-year period.

Existing law further provides that if the initial application is denied, the applicant may file a new application to the board no earlier than five years from the date of action of the board. Provides that any subsequent applications cannot be filed earlier than five years from the preceding action by the board. New law retains existing law.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.4(D))