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## DIGEST

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Honore

HB No. 8

**Abstract:** Reduces the length of time that certain applicants are required to wait before filing a subsequent application for a pardon after a prior application has been denied.

Present 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.

Present law further provides that if the initial application is denied, the applicant may file a new application to the board no earlier than seven years from the date of the action of the board.

Proposed law amends present law to reduce the amount of time an applicant is required to wait before filing a new application, after a prior application has been denied, from seven years to five years.

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