

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides relative to the length of time certain applicants are required to wait before filing a subsequent application for a pardon or commutation of sentence after a denial

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.4(D), relative to pardons; to provide relative to the time
3 periods in which persons serving a life sentence may apply for a pardon or
4 commutation of sentence; to reduce the length of time an applicant is required to
5 wait before filing a subsequent application after a denial; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.4(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §572.4. Board of Pardons; rules, regulations, and procedures; notice; restrictions on
10 applications; time periods for additional review

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12 D. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, any applicant who
13 has been sentenced to life imprisonment shall not be eligible to apply to the board
14 for a pardon or commutation of sentence for a period of fifteen years after being
15 sentenced by the trial court, except that periods of time prior to the imposition of the
16 sentence in which the defendant was in actual custody for the offense for which he
17 was sentenced to life imprisonment shall be included in computing the fifteen-year
18 period. If the application is denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the
19 reason for the denial and thereafter may file a new application to the board no earlier

