2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

PARDON/PAROLE: Provides relative to meetings of the Board of Pardons and the committee on parole (Items #25, 28, and 40)

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 15:573.2 and 574.4.1(A)(2), relative to hearings of the Board of

3   Pardons and committee on parole; to provide relative to the continuity of government

4   by authorizing certain persons to appear before the Board of Pardons and committee

5   on parole by teleconference; and to provide for related matters.

6   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7   Section 1. R.S. 15:573.2 and 574.4.1(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to

8   read as follows:

9   §573.2. ~~Telephone~~ Teleconference communications by certain persons

10   Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, ~~the crime victim or the victim's~~

11   ~~family, a victim advocacy group, and the district attorney or his representatives~~

12   persons providing testimony may appear before the Board of Pardons by means of

13   teleconference or telephone communication ~~from the office of the local district~~

14   ~~attorney~~.

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16   §574.4.1. Parole consideration and hearings

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19   (2) ~~The crime victim or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group, and the~~

20   ~~district attorney or his representatives, may~~ Persons wishing to provide testimony

1   shall appear before the committee on parole by means of teleconference or telephone

2   communication from the office of the local district attorney.

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4   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

8 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Abstract: Provides relative to the appearance of certain persons before the Board of
          Pardons and committee on parole by teleconference.

Present law authorizes a crime victim or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group, and
the district attorney or his representative to appear before the Board of Pardons (board) by
means of telephone communication from the office of the local district attorney.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize any person providing testimony to appear
before the board by means of teleconference or telephone communication and removes the
provision which requires the person to be at the office of the local district attorney.

Present law provides that the crime victim or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group,
and the district attorney or his representatives, may appear before the committee on parole
(committee) by means of telephone communication from the office of the local district
attorney.

Proposed law amends present law to require any person providing testimony to appear
before the committee by means of teleconference or telephone communication and removes
the provision which requires the person to be at the office of the local district attorney.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:573.2 and 574.4.1(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

    The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of
          Criminal Justice to the original bill:

    1.   Remove proposed law provisions allowing the Board of Pardons and the
            committee on parole to host meetings or hearings via teleconference.