

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 12** HLS 202ES 51  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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

Proposed law adds to present law that certain persons providing testimony may appear before the Board of Pardons by means of teleconference. Proposed law adds to present law that certain persons providing testimony may appear before the committee on parole by means of teleconference.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable SGF expenditure decrease to Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC) Corrections Services - Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole if certain persons provide testimony by teleconference or telephone communication during meetings or hearings. Proposed law provides that certain persons may appear before the Board of Pardons by teleconference or telephone. Proposed law provides that certain persons may appear before the committee on parole by teleconference or telephone. The potential savings will depend on the need for security staff if individuals no longer attend in-person to provide testimony. Individuals choosing to attend a meeting in-person will necessitate providing security for that instance. In present law, individuals wishing to provide testimony were allowed to provide testimony by telephone from the district attorney's office. The LFO cannot quantify if proposed law will result in material changes to existing practices and behaviors.

For informational purposes only - 2019 Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole provided by the agency reflects the following:

*Committee on Parole Hearing Cost (per meeting)*  
 Daily Cost for Security Staff for Parole Hearings = \$525

*Board of Pardon Hearing Cost (per meeting)*  
 Daily Cost for Security Staff for Pardon Hearings = \$1,050

*Total Number Days Hearings were conducted in 2019*  
 Parole Hearing = 136  
 5 Member Parole Hearings = 5  
 Pardon Hearings = 12

**Louisiana District Attorneys Association (LDAA)**

LDAA reports that the passage of proposed law would result in an indeterminable decrease in local expenditures for District Attorneys. The decrease in expenditures would come from the ability of the District Attorney (DA) or his representative to appear via teleconference as opposed to in person. It would also decrease because others would be allowed to appear via teleconference or telephone without having to be at the DA's Office. It is impossible to determine the amount of the decrease because it is not known how many DAs and others will use this format to appear before either group.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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