
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the sentencing review panel for non-unanimous jury convictions.

Present law provides for eligibility to apply for a pardon or commutation of sentence.

Proposed law expands eligibility to apply for a pardon or commutation of sentence to persons convicted by a non-unanimous jury verdict which resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

Present law provides for post-conviction relief.

Proposed law provides for eligibility to apply for post-conviction relief for persons convicted by a non-unanimous jury verdict which did not result in a miscarriage of justice, but based on the evidence may allow for a new trial.

Proposed law authorizes the DPS&C to create a review panel for the purpose of reviewing all cases in which a non-unanimous jury verdict was rendered prior to 2018. Provides for the composition and duties of the review panel. Further authorizes the DPS&C to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out proposed law.

Proposed law provides that no non-unanimous jury verdict case shall be reviewed more than one year after the effective date of this statute.

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

(Adds R.S. 15:574.1.1)