

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 218 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, line 20, after "**finding of a**" change "**nonunanimous**" to "**non-unanimous**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, line 21, after "**proved**" change "**their**" to "**his**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, line 25, after "**guilty to a**" change "**different**" to "**greater**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, at the beginning of line 32, change "**nonunanimous**" to "**non-unanimous**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, at the end of line 32, after "**limitation**" add "**described**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Senate Floor Amendment No.8 proposed by Senator Duplessis and adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2025, on page 1, at the end of line 36, after "**trial**" insert a period "." and add the following:

"E. Where a defendant is charged with any sex crime described in R.S. 14:41 through 43.7, the state may introduce the prior sworn testimony of the victim, regardless of victim availability. Such testimony shall not be subject to the restrictions of Paragraph B of Article 295.

F. A petitioner seeking relief under this Article, who previously knowingly and intentionally waived their right to a bench trial and elected to be tried by a jury shall, if retried, be tried by a jury. The option for a bench trial shall not be available in any subsequent proceedings arising under this Article.

G. Applications for relief under this Article shall not be subject to the provisions of Paragraph F of Article 930.4.

H. It is the intent of the legislature that district courts resolve applications for relief under this Article in a deliberate and orderly manner, giving priority to the cases that have been pending the longest. The legislature recommends the following prioritization schedule:

(1) Applications involving convictions finalized on or before December 31, 1999, be resolved prior to August 1, 2026.

(2) Applications involving convictions finalized between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2010, be resolved prior to August 1, 2027.

(3) Applications involving convictions finalized after January 1, 2011, be resolved prior to August 1, 2028.

1 **I. The prioritization described in Paragraph H of this Article shall be**
2 **advisory and intended to guide courts in managing caseloads fairly and**
3 **efficiently while acknowledging the need for timely resolution."**