

Prior law, relative to sex offenders, provided for a reduction of the registration period if the offender maintains a clean record for 10 years upon petition to be relieved of the sex offender registration to the court of conviction for those convicted in Louisiana.

New law maintains prior law and provides that the petition seeking relief from registration be accompanied by a certification from the office of state police of the offender's history of registration in Louisiana.

Prior law provided that the district attorney shall be served with a copy of the petition.

New law maintains prior law and requires that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police and Department of Justice be given notice of the filing with a copy of the pleading.

New law creates the Louisiana Sexual Assault Task Force within the Department of Justice. Provides that the task force shall consist of 25 members and the attorney general shall serve as chairman. Provides for a listing of issues for study by the task force, including but not limited to investigation issues, procedures used in obtaining and analyzing sexual assault evidence, and training requirements for law enforcement officers and others in sexual assault cases. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor, Senate president, and House speaker not later than December 31, 2012.

New law provides that the task force shall terminate 60 days after its report of findings has been submitted.

Effective June 28, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 15:544 (D)(1), (2), (3)(e), (4)(a) and (b); Adds R.S. 15:555 and 556)