

Existing law provides that persons sentenced to life imprisonment are ineligible to apply to the Board of Pardons for a pardon or commutation of sentence for 15 years after being sentenced by the trial court.

Prior law provided that if the initial application is denied, the applicant may file a new application to the board no earlier than seven years from the date of the action of the board.

New law amends prior law to reduce the amount of time an applicant is required to wait before filing a new application, after a prior application has been denied, from seven years to five years.

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(Amends R.S. 15:572.4(D))