

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON

PARDON/PAROLE: Repeals statutory authority for the Board of Pardons and provisions authorizing the issuance of pardons

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 15:572 through 572.7, 572.9, 573, 573.1, 573.2, 574, and 574.1, relative to  
3 the Louisiana Board of Pardons; to repeal statutory authority for the Board of  
4 Pardons and provisions authorizing the issuance of pardons.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:572 through 572.7, 572.9, 573, 573.1, 573.2, 574, and 574.1 are  
7 hereby repealed in their entirety.

8 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to delete all statutory  
9 references to the Louisiana Board of Pardons contained in Louisiana Law.

10 Section 3. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the proposed  
11 repeal of Article IV, Section 5(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act  
12 which originated as House Bill No. \_\_\_\_ of this 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature is  
13 adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 76

**Abstract:** Repeals statutory authority for the La. Board of Pardons and repeals provisions authorizing the issuance of pardons.

Present law provides for the authority of the governor to grant reprieves, commute sentences, and pardon those convicted of offenses against the state.

Present law provides for an automatic first offender pardon with a recommendation of the Board of Pardons and without action by the governor.

Present law provides for the La. Board of Pardons and provides for the membership, powers, and duties of the board. Further provides for the compensation and procedures applicable to the board.

Present law provides procedures by which certain persons may apply for a pardon, provides that sessions of the Board of Pardons are open to the public, prohibits certain forms of communication with the board, and provides for the adoption of rules.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Repeals R.S. 15:572-572.7, 572.9, 573, 573.1, 573.2, 574, and 574.1)