

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Increases the maximum amount of compensation awarded to wrongfully convicted persons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.8(H)(2)(introductory paragraph), relative to
3 compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment; to provide for an increase
4 in the maximum amount of compensation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.8(H)(2)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §572.8. Compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment; petition process;
9 compensation; proof; assignment of powers and duties

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11 H.

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13 (2) Compensation shall be calculated at a rate of twenty-five thousand
14 dollars per year incarcerated not to exceed a maximum total amount of ~~two hundred~~
15 fifty five hundred thousand dollars for the physical harm and injury suffered by the
16 petitioner to be paid at a rate of twenty-five thousand dollars annually. As
17 compensation for the loss of life opportunities resulting from the time spent
18 incarcerated, the court shall also review requests for payment and order payment, not
19 to exceed eighty thousand dollars, which the court finds reasonable and appropriate
20 from the Innocence Compensation Fund to:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the maximum amount of compensation for wrongfully convicted persons from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Present law provides for compensation for wrongfully convicted persons.

Present law provides that compensation shall be calculated at a rate of \$25,000 per year, not to exceed \$250,000 for physical harm and injury suffered by the petitioner to be paid at a rate of \$25,000 annually.

Proposed law increases the maximum amount of compensation from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.8(H)(2)(intro. para.))