

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 167 By Representative Dixon**

May 29, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 167 by Representative Dixon, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendment Nos. 1 through 6 proposed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary B and adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2012 be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Herbert B. Dixon

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Joseph P. Lopinto

Senator Jack Donahue

Representative Helena N. Moreno

Senator Mike Walsworth

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides for the administration of the Innocence Compensation Fund

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Removed provisions that allowed for the court's review of the request for loss of life opportunities and the courts determination of reasonableness and appropriateness in awarding that payment.
2. Added provision allowing compensation for additional costs related to loss of life opportunities.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for compensation for wrongfully convicted persons.

Proposed law provides that the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall manage the Innocence Compensation Fund.

Proposed law provides that the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall prepare a report annually for the prior calendar year and submit it to the governor and legislature, on or before the first day of April, commencing in 2013, including the number of awards and the total amount of funds distributed pursuant to present law.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to adopt rules to administer proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.8(N)(1); Adds R.S. 15:572.8(R) and (S))