

ADVANCING JUSTICE IN LOUISIANA: 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Voice of the Experienced (VOTE) is a grassroots organization with decades of experience examining the root causes of crime, the criminal justice system, and the challenges of reentry. We are founded and run by formerly incarcerated people, and take a holistic approach to community problems.

1. [HB 643](#): **Cap parole at five years** for all convictions moving forward.
2. [HB 344](#): **Ban the use of solitary confinement** for mothers and those with serious mental health conditions.
3. [HB 173](#): **Provide parole eligibility** for juvenile virtual lifers.
4. [HB 855](#): **Expand release and Good Time** during state of emergency.
5. [HB 454](#): **Protect voting rights** for people sentenced to probation.
6. [HB 729](#): **Establish the Council on the Children** of incarcerated parents and caregivers.
7. [HB 241](#) and [SB 220](#): **Remove the limit** on the number of expungements one can receive at once, and **expand opportunities** for expungements.
8. [HB 556](#) and [SB 326](#): **Eliminate court fines and fees** for people who can't pay.
9. [HB 380](#): **Require disclosure of collateral consequences** in a guilty plea before the deal is made.
10. [HB 364](#): **Stop creating excessive, mandatory sentences** based on old and less serious offenses.
11. [HB 541](#): **Grant parole eligibility** for people serving life sentences.
12. [HB 339](#): **Reduce wait for parole eligibility**, and 'Good Time' credits on second offenses.
13. [HB 149](#): **Reduce waiting times** for pardon applications after a denial.
14. [HB 625](#) and [SB 107](#): **End prison gerrymandering**, which uses incarcerated people to bulk up the political power of prison districts.
15. [HB 570](#): **Increase compensation** to wrongfully convicted people.

The 2020 Louisiana Legislative Session starts on March 9, and we need all hands on deck to pass (or stop) laws on mass incarceration. Please tell your friends and family to join us at the State Capitol. Let's let our elected officials know whose house it is, and who they're representing. More at: www.vote-nola.org

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