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To establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short Title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Mixed petitions.
- Sec. 3. Amendments to petitions.
- Sec. 4. Procedurally defaulted claims.
- Sec. 5. Tolling of limitation period.

- Sec. 6. Harmless error in sentencing.
- Sec. 7. Unified review standard.
- Sec. 8. Appeals.
- Sec. 9. Capital cases.
- Sec. 10. Clemency and pardon decisions.
- Sec. 11. Ex parte funding requests.
- Sec. 12. Crime victims' rights.
- Sec. 13. Technical corrections.
- Sec. 14. Application to pending cases.

1 **SEC. 2. MIXED PETITIONS.**

2 Section 2254(b) of title 28, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs
5 (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

6 “(A) the applicant—

7 “(i) has exhausted the remedies available
8 in the courts of the State by fairly presenting
9 and arguing the specific Federal basis for each
10 claim in the State courts; and

11 “(ii) has described in the application how
12 the applicant has exhausted each claim in the
13 State courts; or

14 “(B)(i) each unexhausted claim for relief in the
15 application would qualify for consideration on the
16 grounds described in subsection (e)(2); and

17 “(ii) the denial of such relief is contrary to, or
18 would entail an unreasonable application of, clearly
19 established Federal law, as determined by the Su-
20 preme Court of the United States.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(4) Any unexhausted claim that does not qualify for
2 consideration on the grounds described in this subsection
3 shall be dismissed with prejudice.”

4 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO PETITIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2244 of title 28, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(e)(1) An application for a writ of habeas corpus
9 may be amended once as a matter of course before the
10 earlier of the date on which an answer to the application
11 is filed or the expiration of the 1-year period described
12 in subsection (d).

13 “(2) Except as provided under paragraph (1), an ap-
14 plication may not be amended to modify existing claims
15 or to present additional claims, unless the modified or
16 newly presented claims would qualify for consideration on
17 the grounds described in subsection (b)(2).”

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2242 of
19 title 28, United States Code, is amended in the third un-
20 designated paragraph by striking “in the rules of proce-
21 dure applicable to civil actions” and inserting “under sec-
22 tion 2244(e)”.

23 **SEC. 4. PROCEDURALLY DEFAULTED CLAIMS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2254 of title 28, United
25 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
2 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

3 (2) by adding after subsection (g) the following:

4 “(h)(1) A court, justice, or judge shall not have juris-
5 diction to consider an application for a writ of habeas cor-
6 pus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judg-
7 ment of a State court with respect to any claim that was
8 found by the State court to be procedurally barred, or any
9 claim of ineffective assistance of counsel related to such
10 claim, unless—

11 “(A) the claim would qualify for consideration
12 on the grounds described in subsection (e)(2); or

13 “(B) the State, through counsel, expressly
14 waives the provisions of this paragraph.

15 “(2)(A) A court, justice, or judge shall not have juris-
16 diction to consider any claim that the State court denies
17 on the merits and on the ground that the claim was not
18 properly raised under State procedural law, or any claim
19 of ineffective assistance of counsel related to such claim,
20 unless the claim would qualify for consideration on the
21 grounds described in subsection (e)(2).

22 “(B) A court, justice, or judge shall not have jurisdic-
23 tion to consider any claim that is otherwise subject to
24 paragraph (1) and that was reviewed by the State court
25 for plain error, fundamental error, or under a similarly

1 heightened standard of review, unless the claim would
2 qualify for consideration on the grounds described in sub-
3 section (e)(2).

4 “(3) The State shall not be required to answer any
5 claim described in paragraph (1) or (2) unless the court
6 first determines that the claim would qualify for consider-
7 ation on the grounds described in subsection (e)(2).

8 “(4) If a court determines that a State court order
9 denying relief on procedural grounds is ambiguous as to
10 which claims were found to be procedurally barred, the
11 court shall resolve any perceived ambiguity, if necessary,
12 by examining the full record in the State court.

13 “(5) An application for a writ of habeas corpus on
14 behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment
15 of a State court shall not be granted with respect to any
16 claim under paragraph (1) or (2) unless the denial of such
17 relief is contrary to, or would entail an unreasonable appli-
18 cation of, clearly established Federal law, as determined
19 by the Supreme Court of the United States.”.

20 (b) LIMITATION.—Section 2244(d)(2) of title 28,
21 United States Code, as amended by section 3, is amended
22 by adding at the end the following: “An application that
23 was otherwise improperly filed in State court shall not be
24 deemed to have been properly filed because the State court

1 exercises discretion in applying a rule or recognizes excep-
2 tions to that rule.”.

3 **SEC. 5. TOLLING OF LIMITATION PERIOD.**

4 Section 2244(d) of title 28, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “judgment
7 or”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) In this section, an application for State post-
10 conviction or other collateral review—

11 “(A) is pending from the date on which the ap-
12 plication is filed with a State court until the date on
13 which the same State court rules on that applica-
14 tion; and

15 “(B) is not pending during any period of time
16 between the date on which a State court rules on
17 that application and the date on which the applica-
18 tion or a related application is filed, or is otherwise
19 presented, for adjudication to such State court on
20 rehearing authorized by State law or to a higher
21 State court.

22 “(4) The period of limitation under paragraph (1)
23 may be tolled, suspended, or extended only as provided
24 under this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 6. HARMLESS ERROR IN SENTENCING.**

2 Section 2254 of title 28, United States Code, as
3 amended by section 4, is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(k) A court, justice, or judge shall not have jurisdic-
6 tion to consider an application with respect to an error
7 relating to the applicant’s sentence or sentencing that has
8 been found to be harmless or not prejudicial in State court
9 proceedings, unless a determination that the error is not
10 structural is contrary to clearly established Federal law,
11 as determined by the Supreme Court of the United
12 States.”.

13 **SEC. 7. UNIFIED REVIEW STANDARD.**

14 Section 107(c) of the Antiterrorism and Effective
15 Death Penalty Act of 1996 (28 U.S.C. 2261 note) is
16 amended by striking “Chapter 154 of title 28, United
17 States Code (as amended by subsection (a))” and insert-
18 ing “This title and the amendments made by this title”.

19 **SEC. 8. APPEALS.**

20 (a) APPELLATE TIME LIMITS.—Section 2254 of title
21 28, United States Code, as amended by sections 4 and
22 6, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(l) In review by a court of appeals of a district
24 court’s determination of an application for a writ of ha-
25 beas corpus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to
26 the judgment of a State court, the following shall apply:

1 “(1) A timely filed notice of appeal from an
2 order issuing a writ of habeas corpus shall operate
3 as a stay of that order, pending final disposition of
4 the appeal.

5 “(2) A court of appeals shall decide the appeal
6 from an order granting or denying a writ of habeas
7 corpus—

8 “(A) not later than 300 days after the date
9 on which the brief of the appellee is filed or, if
10 no timely brief is filed, the date on which such
11 brief is due; or

12 “(B) if a cross-appeal is filed, not later
13 than 300 days after the date on which the ap-
14 pellant files a brief in response to the issues
15 presented by the cross-appeal or, if no timely
16 brief is filed, the date on which such brief is
17 due.

18 “(3)(A) If a petition is filed for a panel rehear-
19 ing or rehearing by the court of appeals en banc fol-
20 lowing a decision by a panel of a court of appeals
21 under paragraph (2), the court of appeals shall de-
22 cide whether to grant the petition not later than 90
23 days after the date on which the petition is filed, un-
24 less a response is required.

1 “(B) If a response to a petition is required
2 under subparagraph (A), a court of appeals shall de-
3 cide whether to grant the petition not later than 90
4 days after the date on which the response is filed or,
5 if no timely response is filed, the date on which the
6 response is due.

7 “(C) If a panel rehearing is granted, the panel
8 shall make a determination of the appeal on rehear-
9 ing not later than 120 days after the date on which
10 the order granting a panel rehearing is entered. No
11 second or successive petition for panel rehearing
12 shall be allowed.

13 “(D) If rehearing en banc is granted, the court
14 of appeals shall make a final determination of the
15 appeal not later than 180 days after the date on
16 which the order granting rehearing en banc is en-
17 tered.

18 “(4) If a court of appeals fails to comply with
19 the requirements of this subsection, the State may
20 petition the Supreme Court, or a justice thereof, for
21 a writ of mandamus to enforce the requirements of
22 this subsection.

23 “(5) The time limitations in this subsection
24 shall apply in all proceedings in a court of appeals
25 on review of a district court’s determination of an

1 application for a writ of habeas corpus, including
2 any such proceedings in a court of appeals following
3 a remand by the Supreme Court for further pro-
4 ceedings.

5 “(6) In proceedings following remand in a court
6 of appeals, the time limit specified in paragraph (2)
7 shall begin on the date the remand is ordered if fur-
8 ther briefing is not required in the court of appeals.
9 If there is further briefing in the court of appeals,
10 the time limit specified in paragraph (2) shall begin
11 on the date on which a responsive brief is filed or,
12 if no timely responsive brief is filed, from the date
13 on which such brief is due.

14 “(7) The failure of a court to meet or comply
15 with a time limitation under this subsection shall not
16 be a ground for granting relief from a judgment of
17 conviction or sentence, nor shall the time limitations
18 under this subsection be construed to entitle a cap-
19 ital applicant to a stay of execution, to which the ap-
20 plicant would otherwise not be entitled, for the pur-
21 pose of litigating any application or appeal.”.

22 (b) FINALITY OF DETERMINATION.—Section
23 2244(b)(3)(E) of title 28, United States Code, is amended
24 by striking “the subject of a petition” and all that follows

1 and inserting the following: “reheard in the court of ap-
2 peals or reviewed by writ of certiorari.”.

3 **SEC. 9. CAPITAL CASES.**

4 (a) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—Chapter 154 of title 28,
5 United States Code, is amended by striking section 2264
6 and inserting the following:

7 **“§ 2264. Scope of Federal review**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
9 (b), a court, justice, or judge shall not have jurisdiction
10 to consider any claim relating to the judgment or sentence
11 in an application covered under this chapter.

12 “(b) EXCEPTION.—A court, justice, or judge has ju-
13 risdiction to consider a claim under this chapter if the
14 claim would qualify for consideration on the grounds de-
15 scribed in section 2254(e)(2). An application shall not be
16 granted with respect to any such claim unless the denial
17 of relief is contrary to, or would entail an unreasonable
18 application of, clearly established Federal law, as deter-
19 mined by the Supreme Court of the United States.”.

20 (b) TIME LIMITS.—Section 2266(b)(1)(A) of title 28,
21 United States Code, is amended by striking “180 days
22 after the date on which the application is filed” and insert-
23 ing “450 days after the date on which the application is
24 filed, or 60 days after the date on which the case is sub-
25 mitted for decision, whichever is earlier”.

1 (c) REVIEW BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2261(b) of title 28,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (A) by striking “(b) This chapter is appli-
5 cable if a State establishes” and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(b) This chapter is applicable if—

8 “(1) the Attorney General of the United States
9 certifies that a State has established”;

10 (B) in the first sentence, by striking the
11 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;

12 (C) by striking “The rule of court or stat-
13 ute must provide standards” and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(2) the court, statute, or other agency provides
16 standards”;

17 (D) by striking the period at the end and
18 inserting “; and”; and

19 (E) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) the order required under subsection (c) is
21 entered on or after the effective date of the Attorney
22 General’s certification under section 2267.”.

23 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
24 MENTS.—Section 2265(a) of title 28, United States
25 Code, is amended—

1 (A) by striking “(a) For purposes” and in-
2 serting the following:

3 “(a)(1) For purposes”;

4 (B) by striking “This chapter shall apply,
5 as provided in this section, in relation to a
6 State unitary review procedure if the State es-
7 tablishes” and inserting the following:

8 “(2) This chapter shall apply, as provided in this sec-
9 tion, in relation to a State unitary review procedure if—

10 “(A) the Attorney General of the United States
11 certifies that a State has established”;

12 (C) by striking “or by statute” and insert-
13 ing “, by statute, or by agency rule”;

14 (D) by striking the period after “pro-
15 ceedings” and inserting a semicolon;

16 (E) by striking “The rule of court or stat-
17 ute must provide” and inserting the following:

18 “(B) the rule of the court, the statute, or the
19 agency rule provides”;

20 (F) by striking the period at the end and
21 inserting “; and”; and

22 (G) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(C) the order required under subsection (b) is
24 entered on or after the effective date of the Attorney
25 General’s certification under section 2267.”.

1 (d) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Chapter 154 of title 28,
2 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
3 following:

4 **“§ 2267. Judicial review**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If requested by the chief law en-
6 forcement officer of a State, the Attorney General of the
7 United States shall determine whether the State has es-
8 tablished a qualifying mechanism for the purpose of sec-
9 tion 2261(b)(3) or 2265(a)(2)(C), and, if so, the date on
10 which the mechanism was established. The date the mech-
11 anism was established shall be the effective date of the
12 certification.

13 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General shall
14 promulgate regulations to implement the certification pro-
15 cedure under subsection (a).

16 “(c) REVIEW OF CERTIFICATION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General’s de-
18 termination of whether to certify a State under this
19 section is subject to review exclusively as provided
20 under chapter 158.

21 “(2) VENUE.—The Court of Appeals for the
22 District of Columbia Circuit shall have exclusive ju-
23 risdiction over matters under paragraph (1), subject
24 to review by the Supreme Court under section 2350.

1 “(3) STANDARD OF REVIEW.—The Attorney
2 General’s determination of whether to certify a State
3 under this section shall be conclusive unless mani-
4 festly contrary to the law and an abuse of discre-
5 tion.”.

6 (e) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections
7 for chapter 154 of title 28, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) by striking the item related to section 2264
10 and inserting the following:

 “2264. Scope of Federal review.”;

11 and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

 “2267. Judicial review.”.

13 **SEC. 10. CLEMENCY AND PARDON DECISIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 85 of title 28, United
15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 **“§ 1370. State clemency and pardon decisions**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
19 section (b), and notwithstanding any other provision of
20 law, no Federal court shall have jurisdiction to hear any
21 cause or claim arising from the exercise of a State’s execu-
22 tive clemency or pardon power, or the process or proce-
23 dures used under such power.

1 “(b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not affect the
2 jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to review any decision
3 of the highest court of a State that involves a cause or
4 claim arising from the exercise of a State’s executive clem-
5 ency or pardon power, or the process or procedures used
6 under such power.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for chapter 85 of title 28, United States Code, is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

“1370. State clemency and pardon decisions.”.

10 **SEC. 11. EX PARTE FUNDING REQUESTS.**

11 Section 408(q)(9) of the Controlled Substances Act
12 (21 U.S.C. 848(q)(9)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “(9) Upon” and inserting the
14 following: “(9) (A) Upon”;

15 (2) by striking the last two sentences and in-
16 serting the following: “An application for services
17 under this paragraph shall be decided by a judge
18 other than the judge presiding over the post convic-
19 tion proceeding under section 2254 or 2255 of title
20 28, United States Code, seeking to vacate or set
21 aside a death sentence. Any amounts authorized to
22 be paid under this paragraph shall be disclosed to
23 the public immediately.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(B) No ex parte proceeding, communication,
2 or request may be considered in a post-conviction ac-
3 tion pursuant to this section, except to the extent
4 necessary to protect any confidential-communic-
5 ations privilege between the defendant and post-con-
6 viction counsel. The court shall not grant an applica-
7 tion for an ex parte proceeding, communication, or
8 request unless the application has been served upon
9 the respondent and the court has allowed the re-
10 spondent a reasonable opportunity to answer the ap-
11 plication. All proceedings, communications, or re-
12 quests conducted pursuant to this section shall be
13 transcribed and made a part of the record available
14 for appellate review.”.

15 **SEC. 12. CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS.**

16 Section 3771(b) of title 18, United States Code, is
17 amended by adding at the end the following: “A crime vic-
18 tim shall also be afforded the rights established for crime
19 victims by this section in a Federal habeas corpus pro-
20 ceeding arising out of a State conviction.”.

21 **SEC. 13. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

22 (a) APPEAL.—Section 2253(c)(1) of title 28, United
23 States Code, is amended by striking “circuit justice or
24 judge” and inserting “district or circuit judge”.

1 (b) FEDERAL CUSTODY.—Section 2255 of title 28,
2 United States Code, is amended by designating the 8 un-
3 designated paragraphs as subsections (a) through (h), re-
4 spectively.

5 **SEC. 14. APPLICATION TO PENDING CASES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act and the amendments
7 made by this Act shall apply to cases pending on and after
8 the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (b) TIME LIMITS.—In a case pending on the date of
10 enactment of this Act, if the amendments made by this
11 Act establish a time limit for taking certain action the pe-
12 riod of which began on the date of an event that occurred
13 prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the period of
14 such time limit shall instead begin on the date of enact-
15 ment of this Act.

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