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S.F. No. 2597 – Post-Conviction Release Petitions

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S.F. No. 2597 amends the statutory provision that addresses the time limit for filing a post-conviction relief petition. Modifies the current exception to the two-year time limit to file based on newly discovered evidence. Under current law, that evidence, among other things, must establish the petitioner's innocence by clear and convincing evidence. Replaces this with a requirement that the evidence provide the factual predicate for the claim for relief.