

**LIMIT THE TIME PERIOD FOR FILING A HABEAS CORPUS
APPEAL TO CHALLENGE A CRIMINAL CONVICTION
HOUSE BILL NO. 6705**

The habeas corpus appeal is a remedy for inmates who claim to be illegally confined or deprived of their liberty. Currently there is no statute of limitation for filing a habeas corpus appeal to challenge a criminal conviction. Nor does current law limit the number of habeas corpus appeals.

Crime victims can expect the process for appeals to linger for as long as twenty years after an offender has been sentenced. This proposal would limit the time period for filing a habeas corpus appeal, unless there is a claim of prejudice, newly discovered evidence, newly interpreted law or a disability which prevented an earlier filing. Despite the fact that a crime victim will never attain "closure;" there should be a point in time that the crime victim can put the criminal process behind them once and for all.

I encourage your support of House Bill No. 6705.

My personal support for this bill:

Name: _____

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Town: _____

Victims' Voice Day!