STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the court of claims act, in relation to proof of claims for unjust conviction and imprisonment

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 8-b of the court of claims act, as added by chapter 1009 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

(b) (i) [~~he~~] **the claimant** has been pardoned upon the ground of innocence of the crime or crimes for which [~~he~~] **the claimant** was sentenced and which are the grounds for the complaint; or (ii) [~~his~~] **the claimant's** judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, and the accusatory instrument dismissed or, if a new trial was ordered, either [~~he~~] **the claimant** was found not guilty at the new trial or [~~he~~] was not retried and the accusatory instrument dismissed; provided that the judgement of conviction was reversed or vacated, and the accusatory instrument was dismissed, on any of the following grounds: (A) paragraph (a), (b), (c), (e) [~~or~~]**,** (g) **or (h)** of subdivision one of section 440.10 of the criminal procedure law; or (B) subdivision one (where based upon grounds set forth in item (A) hereof), two, three (where the count dismissed was the sole basis for the imprisonment complained of) or five of section 470.20 of the criminal procedure law; or (C) comparable provisions of the former code of criminal procedure or subsequent law; or (D) the statute, or application thereof, on which the accusatory instrument was based violated the constitution of the United States or the state of New York; and

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 8-b of the court of claims act, as added by chapter 1009 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

(b) (i) [~~he~~] **the claimant** has been pardoned upon the ground of innocence of the crime or crimes for which [~~he~~] **the claimant** was sentenced and which are the grounds for the complaint; or (ii) [~~his~~] **the claimant's** judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, and the accusatory

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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instrument dismissed or, if a new trial was ordered, either [~~he~~] **the claimant** was found not guilty at the new trial or [~~he~~] **the claimant** was not retried and the accusatory instrument dismissed; provided that the judgement of conviction was reversed or vacated, and the accusatory instrument was dismissed, on any of the following grounds: (A) paragraph (a), (b), (c), (e) [~~or~~], (g) **or (h)** of subdivision one of section 440.10 of the criminal procedure law; or (B) subdivision one (where based upon grounds set forth in item (A) hereof), two, three (where the count dismissed was the sole basis for the imprisonment complained of) or five of section 470.20 of the criminal procedure law; or (C) comparable provisions of the former code of criminal procedure or subsequent law; or (D) the statute, or application thereof, on which the accusatory instrument was based violated the constitution of the United States or the state of New York; and

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.