

SB 5003 - DIGEST

Provides that a person convicted of a felony in a Washington state court who currently is serving a term of imprisonment may submit to the court that entered the judgment of conviction a verified written motion requesting DNA testing, with a copy of the motion provided to the state office of public defense.

Provides that DNA testing ordered under this act shall be performed by the Washington state patrol crime laboratory. Contact with victims shall be handled through victim/witness divisions.

Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon motion of defense counsel or the court's own motion, a sentencing court in a felony case may order the preservation of any biological material that has been secured in connection with a criminal case, or evidence samples sufficient for testing. The court must specify the samples to be maintained and the length of time the samples must be preserved.