

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. O'MARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 4 of article 4 of the constitution, in relation to the governor's authority to grant voting rights to persons on parole

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That section 4 of arti-
2 cle 4 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

3 § 4. The governor shall have the power to grant reprieves, commu-
4 tations and pardons after conviction, for all offenses except treason
5 and cases of impeachment, upon such conditions and with such
6 restrictions and limitations, as he or she may think proper, subject to
7 such regulations as may be provided by law relative to the manner of
8 applying for pardons. Upon conviction for treason, the governor shall
9 have power to suspend the execution of the sentence, until the case
10 shall be reported to the legislature at its next meeting, when the
11 legislature shall either pardon, or commute the sentence, direct the
12 execution of the sentence, or grant a further reprieve. The governor
13 shall annually communicate to the legislature each case of reprieve,
14 commutation or pardon granted, stating the name of the convict, the
15 crime of which the convict was convicted, the sentence and its date, and
16 the date of the commutation, pardon or reprieve. The powers granted to
17 the governor under this section shall not be construed to apply in cases
18 of granting persons on parole the right to register for or vote at any
19 election.

20 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment
21 be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
22 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
23 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
24 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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