STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 20, 2026

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 5 of the constitution, in relation to establishing a state board of parole

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 5 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section 8 to read as follows:

§ 8. There shall be a state board of parole, responsible for determining which incarcerated individuals may be released from incarceration to parole and establishing any conditions of release for such individuals. The legislature shall determine the qualifications for such members and the functions, powers, and duties of such board, other than those set forth in this section. There shall be seventeen members of the state board of parole, appointed as follows:

(1) one member, the head of the board of parole known as the commissioner of the board of parole, shall be chosen by all voters in the state at the same general election as the governor and hold office for the same term;

(2) eleven members, one from each judicial district, chosen by the voters in such judicial district at the same general election as the governor, and shall hold office for the same term; and

(3) five members shall be appointed as follows:

(a) one member shall be appointed by the governor;

(b) one member shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(c) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(d) one member shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and

(e) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be 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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