

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Judiciary

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 4 of article 4 of the constitution, in  
relation to prohibiting the governor from granting himself or herself  
or any person involved with furthering the illegal conduct of the  
governor a reprieve, commutation or pardon

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 4 of article  
2 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. The governor shall not have the power to grant a  
9 reprieve, commutation or pardon to himself or herself, or to any persons  
10 involved with furthering any illegal or unlawful conduct of such gover-  
11 nor. Upon conviction for treason, the governor shall have power to  
12 suspend the execution of the sentence, until the case shall be reported  
13 to the legislature at its next meeting, when the legislature shall  
14 either pardon, or commute the sentence, direct the execution of the  
15 sentence, or grant a further reprieve. The governor shall annually  
16 communicate to the legislature each case of reprieve, commutation or  
17 pardon granted, stating the name of the convict, the crime of which the  
18 convict was convicted, the sentence and its date, and the date of the  
19 commutation, pardon or reprieve.

20 § 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be  
21 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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