

# 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

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

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

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

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

17 (3) five members shall be appointed as follows:

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

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

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

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

24 (e) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assem-  
25 bly.

26 § 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing be referred  
27 to the first regular legislative session convening after the next  
28 succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conform-  
29 ity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3  
30 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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