

Present constitution provides for an automatic pardon for a first offender never previously convicted of a felony upon completion of his sentence, without a recommendation of the Board of Pardons and without action by the governor.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the automatic pardon for a first offender is applicable only to those convicted on a non-violent crime or convicted of aggravated battery, second degree battery, aggravated assault, mingling harmful substances, aggravated criminal damage to property, purse snatching, extortion, or illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Sec. 5(E)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Removes the restriction that the non-violent crime be committed by one under age 21.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill.

1. Provides that the automatic pardon for first offender is applicable only to certain offenses.