

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 clarifies that the automatic pardon for a first offender is only for those convicted of 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.

Specifies that proposition shall be submitted to the electorate at the 1999 gubernatorial primary election.

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