

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 424 by Representative Windhorst

PARDON/PAROLE: (Constitutional Amendment) Requires a favorable recommendation by the Board of Pardons before pardons, commutations, or remittances may be granted by the governor

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changed date of submission to the voters from the date of the gubernatorial primary election to the date of the general election of 1999.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present constitution provides that the governor, upon recommendation of the Board of Pardons, may commute sentences, pardon persons convicted of offenses against the state, and remit fines and forfeitures imposed for such offenses.

Proposed constitutional amendment clarifies that any recommendation by the Board of Pardons upon which the governor relies on taking such an action must be a favorable recommendation.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the general election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §5(E)(1))