A proposal to revise 
ARTICLE IV, s. 8, Fla. Const.; requiring that a 
state prisoner serve at least 85 percent of his 
or her term of imprisonment, unless granted 
pardon or clemency; prohibiting the reduction 
of a prisoner's sentence by more than 15 
percent; requiring that a state prisoner 
sentenced to life imprisonment be incarcerated 
for the remainder of his or her natural life, 
unless granted pardon or clemency.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission 
that:

Section 1. Section 8 of Article IV of the Florida 
Constitution is revised by amending that section to read: 

ARTICLE IV 
EXECUTIVE 

SECTION 8. Clemency.-- 
(a) Except in cases of treason and in cases where 
impeachment results in conviction, the governor may, by 
executive order filed with the secretary of state, suspend 
collection of fines and forfeitures, grant reprieves not 
exceeding sixty days and, with the approval of three members 
of the cabinet, grant full or conditional pardons, restore 
civil rights, commute punishment, and remit fines and 
forfeitures for offenses. 
(b) In cases of treason the governor may grant 
reprieves until adjournment of the regular session of the 
legislature convening next after the conviction, at which

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session the legislature may grant a pardon or further reprieve; otherwise the sentence shall be executed.

   (c) There may be created by law a parole and probation commission with power to supervise persons on probation and to grant paroles or conditional releases to persons under sentences for crime. The qualifications, method of selection and terms, not to exceed six years, of members of the commission shall be prescribed by law.

   (d) All state prisoners lawfully sentenced to a term of years shall serve at least eighty-five percent of their term of imprisonment, unless granted pardon or clemency. Parole, conditional release, or any mechanism of sentence reduction may reduce the term of years sentence by no more than fifteen percent. State prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment shall be incarcerated for the rest of their natural lives, unless granted pardon or clemency.