

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

The governor has the authority to grant executive clemency upon the written recommendation of a majority of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Executive clemency includes:

- Full pardons;
- Conditional pardons;
- Pardons based on innocence;
- Commutations of sentence; and
- Emergency medical reprieves.

Board Actions on Non-Capital Cases

	APPLICATION RECEIVED	SENT TO THE BOARD	CLEMENCY RECOMMENDED	CLEMENCY NOT RECOMMENDED
Commutation of Sentence	170	0	0	0
Conditional Pardons	21	6	0	7
Emergency Medical Reprieve	75	10	3	7
Family Medical Reprieve	44	10	0	10
Full Pardons	276	110	8	131
Pardon for Innocence	17	1	0	0
Restoration of Civil Rights	4	0	0	0
Restoration of Driver's License	3	0	0	0
Restoration of Firearm Rights	101	16	1	16
TOTAL NON-CAPITAL CASE ACTIONS	711	153	12	171

** Note: All applications are not referred to the Board due to the applicant's failure to submit all required documents.*

Board Actions on Capital Cases

In capital cases, the Board considers applications for commutation of sentence to life in prison and for a reprieve from execution. If the Board recommends clemency in a capital case, the governor may grant commutation or reprieve. The governor can also grant a one-time 30-day reprieve of execution without a recommendation from the Board.

Board rules require that an application for clemency in a capital case be submitted in writing no later than 21 calendar days prior to the scheduled execution date. Supplemental information must be submitted at least 15 days prior to the execution date.

Upon receipt of a clemency application from an offender or representative, the clemency staff distributes the application and all supporting documentation to the board members.

The chart below reflects the actions taken in the 29 capital cases considered by the Board.

	CASES RECEIVED	CASES RECOMMENDED	CASES NOT RECOMMENDED
Commutation of Sentence	17	0	18
Conditional Pardon	0	0	1
Reprieves of Execution	12	0	11
TOTAL CAPITAL CASE ACTIONS	29	0	30