

State Clemency Resources

Which form(s) of clemency does the state offer?

- Reprieves
- Pardons
- Commutations

Decisionmaker

The Michigan Parole Board reviews applications for clemency and sends recommendations to the governor for each applicant. The governor makes the final decision.

Resources:

- michigan.gov/corrections/parole-probation/parole-board-information/executive-clemency-process-summary#:~:text=All%20applications%20for%20pardons%20and,Michigan%20Department%20of%20Corrections%20website
- From Michigan Public Defenders:** fpplouis.files.wordpress.com/2022/10/commutation-manual__1_.pdf

Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**
Mich. Const. Art. V § 14
- **Statutory Authority:**
Mich. Corrections Code § 791.243
Mich. Corrections Code § 44

Eligibility Criteria

Anyone convicted of a crime in Michigan can apply for a reprieve, pardon, or commutation.

Application Process

All applications for pardons and commutations must be filed with the Michigan Parole Board using forms provided by the Board and must include the information, records, and documents required by the Board. Application forms may be obtained online from the Michigan Department of Corrections website.

All clemency applications are forwarded to the Parole Board for review. The Board will conduct an initial review to determine if it has interest in proceeding to a public hearing. If there is not majority interest in doing so, the application and any supporting documentation is simply forwarded to the Governor with the Board's recommendation that the application should be denied. If there is an initial majority interest in considering a public hearing, it triggers a detailed statutory process.

- [Please consult with the Michigan DOC's website for more detailed information: michigan.gov/corrections/parole-probation/parole-board-information/executive-clemency-process-summary](https://michigan.gov/corrections/parole-probation/parole-board-information/executive-clemency-process-summary)
- See also: casetext.com/regulation/michigan-administrative-code/departement-corrections/executive-bureau/community-status-eligibility-criteria/part-7-parole-pardon-reprieve-and-commutation-of-sentence/section-r-7917760-pardons-rieves-and-commutations

APPLICATION LINKS

- michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/corrections/probation/CFJ-515_Pardon-CommutationApplication_Cov_7-11.pdf?rev=5f30bb1364a24571b2d3dfbea1ec3175