

# State Clemency Resources

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

- Pardons
- Restoration of civil rights
- Commutation of sentence/early release
- Suspensions

## Decisionmaker

Applications for clemency are sent to the Office of the Governor. Meritorious applications are then sent to the State of Mississippi Parole Board for investigation. The governor makes the final decision regarding each form of clemency.

### Resources:

- [pardonandparole.uslegal.com/state-pardon-and-parole-laws/mississippi](https://pardonandparole.uslegal.com/state-pardon-and-parole-laws/mississippi)
- [Restoration of Voting Rights ACLU Project: aclu-ms.org/en/campaigns/voting-rights-restoration-project](https://www.aclu-ms.org/en/campaigns/voting-rights-restoration-project)

## Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**  
Miss. Const. Art. V § 124
- **Statutory Authority:**  
29 Miss. Code R. § 201-2.6  
Miss. Code Ann. § 47-7-5(3)  
Miss. Code § 47-7-31

## Eligibility Criteria

- **Pardon & Restoration of Civil Rights Eligibility:** According to the Governor's Office, informal policy requires applicants to wait seven years after the completion of sentence. Completion of sentence may include payment of fines and restitution. Federal and out-of-state offenders are not eligible for a state pardon.

## Application Process

Mississippi does not require an official clemency petition form or format to be used by applicants, and there are no guidelines on the Governor's website regarding what sort of information a capital clemency petition should include. Although there are no formal rules governing the content of the clemency petition, the petitioner should expect to specify the extenuating circumstances which support the basis of the petition.

Petitions may include letters of recommendation in support of the request from sources such as neighbors, employers, co-workers, pastors, church members, elected officials, judges, prosecutors, and family members. Petitioners have been encouraged to contact the Legal Division at the Office of the Governor for additional information.

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### APPLICATION LINKS

- [capitalclemency.org/state-clemency-information/mississippi](https://capitalclemency.org/state-clemency-information/mississippi)