

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SJR 27 refers to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment that modifies the voting requirement for clemency as it relates to the Pardon and Parole Board. The measure provides that a tied vote for clemency in the case of a person sentenced to death shall not constitute a denial of the recommendation. The SJR also provides that, in the absence of a regularly appointed Board member, alternate Board members shall be available to vote on a recommendation for clemency when necessary to break a tie vote. The measure provides that such alternates shall be appointed by the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals or its successor.

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