

Executive Clemency and Expungement

The Board reviews, processes and submits confidential recommendations to the Governor on all executive clemency petitions that comply with the following steps:

The Board's clemency guidelines are forwarded to every person who submits a request, either by telephone, mail or e-mail, or by accessing the Board's website at www.Illinois.gov/prb under the Executive Clemency link.

Once the Board's staff receives a petition, it is reviewed to ensure compliance with all of the filing guidelines. The petitioner is informed if the petition is complete and a docket number and letter will follow. Petitioners will be notified in writing if additional information is required for completion of the petition.

Incomplete petitions must be completed within 90 days or that are discarded. A late, but completed, petition is placed on the next available hearing docket. The petitioner is also afforded the opportunity to have a public or a non-public hearing. The Board's recommendations are typically forwarded to the governor within 60 days following the hearing. The Governor is not under any deadline to respond to the petition. When a decision is made, the Board will notify the petitioner of the Governor's determination.

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Guidelines for Executive Clemency

[Download a sample Petition for Executive Clemency](#)

(this sample petition can be filled out electronically, however it will still have to be printed out to submit to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, the sentencing judge, and the County's state's attorney)

Executive clemency petitions filed with the Board for hearing and recommendation to the Governor have increased in recent years. The average size of the Board's quarterly clemency public docket hearing was 35 cases in 1990. In 1993 , the

average number of cases considered quarterly was 90. The average number in 2003 was approximately 400 cases per quarter. In 1994, the Board initiated more restrictive petitioning requirements mandating unsuccessful petitioners to wait for one year before filing a repeat petition, absent compelling new information.

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Other Clemency Resources:

<http://state.il.us/defender/exp.html>

2016 and 2017 Clemency Hearing Dates and Deadlines*:

October 12, 2016 to October 14, 2016 **Hearings held in Springfield, IL**
Deadline for petition: July 29, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

January 10, 2017 to January 12, 2017 **Hearings held in Springfield, IL**
Deadline for petition: October 25, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

April 11, 2017 to April 13, 2017 **Hearings held in Chicago, IL**
Deadline for petition: January 23, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

July 11, 2017 to July 13, 2017 **Hearings held in Chicago, IL**
Deadline for petition: April 25, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

October 11, 2017 to October 13, 2017 **Hearings held in Chicago, IL**
Deadline for petition: July 25, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

***Dates of hearings are subject to change or be extended.**

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