

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for
2 Senate Bill No. 834, Page 3, Section 217.670, Line 28, by inserting after said section and line the
3 following:
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5 "217.697. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any offender who:

6 (1) Is incarcerated in a correctional facility after being sentenced by a court of this state;

7 (2) Is serving a sentence of life without parole for a minimum of fifty years or more and
8 whose term of life imprisonment is not for the duration of his or her natural life;

9 (3) Is sixty-five years of age or older;

10 (4) Has no felony conviction for a dangerous felony, as defined under section 556.061, prior
11 to the conviction for which he or she is currently incarcerated unless the prior conviction arose out
12 of the same transaction or occurrence; and

13 (5) Is not a convicted sex offender
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15 shall receive a parole hearing upon serving thirty years or more of his or her sentence.

16 2. Parole hearings shall be in accordance with section 217.690.

17 3. Prior to a parole hearing, the family of the victim in the underlying offense shall be given
18 an opportunity to offer its opinion on whether the offender should be eligible for parole. In order for
19 the offender to receive a hearing, the victim's family must be either in agreement or in a neutral
20 position on whether the offender should be released. For purposes of this subsection, "family of the
21 victim" or "victim's family" shall include the victim's parents or guardians, siblings, children, and
22 grandparents.

23 4. Nothing in this section shall diminish the consideration of parole under any other
24 provision of law applicable to the offender or the responsibility and authority of the governor to
25 grant clemency, including pardons and commutation of sentences if necessary or desirable."; and
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27 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
28 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____