



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 9

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Tobin**

1 **An Act to further limit applications for clemency for violent crime offenders**
 2 **sentenced to life imprisonment.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 24-15A-23 be AMENDED:**

5 **24-15A-23.** ~~An~~ The board may not hear an application for clemency ~~may not be~~
 6 ~~heard by the board~~ for one year after the date of the judgment. If an application for
 7 clemency is denied, an inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a
 8 period of one year. If an application for clemency is denied for an inmate convicted of a
 9 crime of violence, as defined in subdivision 22-1-2(9), and sentenced to life imprisonment,
 10 the inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a period of four years.

11 **Section 2. That § 24-15-10 be AMENDED:**

12 **24-15-10.** If an inmate's application for parole is denied, the inmate may not again
 13 present an application before the board for a period of eight months. A continuance of an
 14 application for parole is not a denial. An application for clemency may not be heard for
 15 one year after the date of the judgment. If an application for clemency is denied, an
 16 inmate may not again present an application for clemency for a period of one year. If an
 17 application for clemency is denied for an inmate convicted of a crime of violence, as
 18 defined in subdivision § 22-1-2(9), and sentenced to life imprisonment, the inmate may
 19 not again present an application for clemency for a period of four years.