

SENATE FILE **240**

BY IVERSON and FRAISE

(COMPANION TO LSB 1908HH
BY GARMAN)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the timing of parole reviews for class "A"
2 felons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 902.2, Code 1995, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 902.2 RECORD OF CLASS "A" FELON REVIEWED.

4 1. The board shall interview a class "A" felon ~~within five~~
5 ~~years of the felon's confinement and regularly thereafter.~~ as
6 follows:

- 7 a. An initial interview after confinement for ten years.
- 8 b. A second interview after confinement for fifteen years.
- 9 c. A third interview after confinement for eighteen years.
- 10 d. A fourth interview after confinement for twenty years.
- 11 e. Annually, after the fourth interview.

12 2. If, in the opinion of the board, the person should be
13 considered for release on parole, the board shall recommend to
14 the governor that the person's sentence be commuted to a term
15 of years. If the person's sentence is so commuted, the person
16 shall be eligible for parole as provided in chapter 906.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill changes the time frame within which a person who
19 has been sentenced to life imprisonment is to be initially
20 interviewed by the parole board and establishes a schedule for
21 subsequent interviews of the inmate by the board. Currently,
22 an inmate who is serving a life term is interviewed within
23 five years of confinement and then regularly thereafter. The
24 bill would require the initial interview to take place after
25 10 years, a second interview after 15 years, a third interview
26 after 18 years, and a fourth interview after 20 years. After
27 the fourth interview, inmates serving life terms would be
28 interviewed annually.

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