

(2) EACH HEARING EXAMINER SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION, SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE, AND SHALL HAVE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN LAW, SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK, OR CRIMINOLOGY.

(3) HEARING EXAMINERS SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

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(A) THE COMMISSION HAS THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO:

(1) AUTHORIZE THE PAROLE OF INDIVIDUALS SENTENCED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE TO ANY PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, JAIL, OR OTHER PLACE OF CONFINEMENT OR DETENTION WITHIN THE STATE;

(2) NEGOTIATE AND SIGN PREDETERMINED PAROLE RELEASE AGREEMENTS;

(3) HEAR CASES FOR PAROLE RELEASE IN WHICH:

(I) THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION, AFTER REVIEWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT, OBJECTS TO A PAROLE;

(II) THE INMATE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A HOMICIDE;

(III) THE INMATE IS SERVING A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT; OR

(IV) THE INMATE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME AND HAS SERVED LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF HIS AGGREGATE SENTENCE;

(4) HEAR EXCEPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF A HEARING EXAMINER AND OF A COMMISSION MEMBER ACTING AS A HEARING EXAMINER;

(5) REVIEW SUMMARILY ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF A HEARING EXAMINER AND OF A COMMISSION MEMBER ACTING AS A HEARING EXAMINER TO WHICH AN EXCEPTION HAS NOT BEEN FILED;

(6) HEAR CASES FOR PAROLE RELEASE, IN ABSENTIA, FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SERVING A SENTENCE IN A FOREIGN JURISDICTION, WAS SENTENCED IN THIS STATE TO SERVE A TERM TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE FOREIGN SENTENCE, AND IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE IN THE FOREIGN JURISDICTION; AND

(7) HEAR CASES OF PAROLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION, AND, IF DELEGATED BY THE GOVERNOR, CASES INVOLVING A VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS OF A CONDITIONAL PARDON.