

**Subject: Presidential Pardon Power****Text:**

*“The President’s pardon power is not absolute.*

*“No President may self-pardon, pardon for prospective acts, grant a pardon to obstruct or evade justice, or pardon a close family member (defined as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister).*

*“All pardons must be announced in the Federal Register and can be nullified within a period of seven days following the announcement by either a majority of senators of the President’s political party or a majority of senators of the largest opposition party.”*

**Reform Category(ies):**

- ☒ Anti-Corruption, Transparency, Accountability
- ☒ Counter-Majoritarian Requirements
- ☐ Democratic Processes
- ☐ Enhanced Rights/Protections
- ☒ Limits to Political Power/Immunities
- ☐ Necessary Clarifications
- ☐ Responsible Government
- ☒ Separation of Powers/Check and balances

**Branch(es) targeted:**

- ☒ Legislative      ☒ Executive      ☐ Judicial

**Justification:**

The Constitution’s Article 2 grants the President broad pardon power, except with regard to those impeached.

**Alternatives to Amendment?** None.

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