Colorado Revised Statutes 2016

**CONSTITUTION OF THE**

**STATE OF COLORADO**

**ARTICLE III**

Distribution of Powers

The powers of the government of this state are divided into three distinct departments,-- the legislative, executive and judicial; and no person or collection of persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any power properly belonging to either of the others, except as in this constitution expressly directed or permitted.

**ARTICLE IV**

Executive Department

**Section 7. Governor may grant reprieves and pardons.**

The governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after conviction, for all offenses except treason, and except in case of impeachment, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by law relative to the manner of applying for pardons, but he shall in every case where he may exercise this power, send to the general assembly at its first session thereafter, a transcript of the petition, all proceedings, and the reasons for his action.