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H.B. No. 301

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain persons to represent a person before the Board of Pardons and Paroles or a parole panel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 508.083(b) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A person serving as a member or employee of the board or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice may not, before the second [~~10th~~] anniversary of the date the person ceases to be a board member or employee:

(1) represent any person in a matter before the board or a parole panel; or

(2) receive compensation for services rendered on behalf of any person regarding a matter pending before the board or a parole panel.

(c) A person, other than a person subject to Subsection (b), who is employed by the department may not, before the second [~~10th~~] anniversary of the date the person terminates service with the department:

(1) represent an inmate in a matter before the board or a parole panel; or

(2) receive compensation for services rendered on behalf of any person regarding a matter pending before the board or a parole panel.

1 SECTION 2. Section 508.083(d), Government Code, is
2 repealed.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.