

1-1 By: Talton (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 301  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 2, 2003;  
1-3 April 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the eligibility of certain persons to represent a  
1-9 person before the Board of Pardons and Paroles or a parole panel.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 508.083(b) and (c), Government Code,  
1-12 are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) A person serving as a member or employee of the board or  
1-14 the Texas Board of Criminal Justice may not, before the second  
1-15 [~~10th~~] anniversary of the date the person ceases to be a board  
1-16 member or employee:

1-17 (1) represent any person in a matter before the board  
1-18 or a parole panel; or

1-19 (2) receive compensation for services rendered on  
1-20 behalf of any person regarding a matter pending before the board or  
1-21 a parole panel.

1-22 (c) A person, other than a person subject to Subsection (b),  
1-23 who is employed by the department may not, before the second [~~10th~~]  
1-24 anniversary of the date the person terminates service with the  
1-25 department:

1-26 (1) represent an inmate in a matter before the board or  
1-27 a parole panel; or

1-28 (2) receive compensation for services rendered on  
1-29 behalf of any person regarding a matter pending before the board or  
1-30 a parole panel.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 508.083(d), Government Code, is  
1-32 repealed.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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