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H.B. No. 2928

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition and operations of parole panels.

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

SECTION 1. Section 508.045(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 508.046, board members shall act in panels composed of five ~~[three]~~ persons each in matters of:

- (1) release on parole;
- (2) release to mandatory supervision; and
- (3) revocation of parole or mandatory supervision.

SECTION 2. Section 508.141(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Before considering the release of ~~[releasing]~~ an inmate on parole, a parole panel shall ~~[may have the inmate appear before the panel and]~~ interview the inmate in person. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall make the inmate available to the panel in any manner determined to be appropriate by the panel.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies to any proceeding before a parole panel that commences on or after that date.