

AN ACT

relating to the time during which inmates may be considered for release on parole.

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

SECTION 1. Section 508.141, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The policy board shall adopt a policy establishing the date on which the board may reconsider for release an inmate who has previously been denied release. The policy must require the board to reconsider for release an inmate serving a sentence for an offense listed in Section 508.149(a) during a month designated by the parole panel that denied release. The designated month must begin after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end before the fifth anniversary of the date of the denial. The policy must require the board to reconsider for release an inmate other than an inmate serving a sentence for an offense listed in Section 508.149(a) as soon as practicable after the first anniversary of the date of the denial.

SECTION 2. The policy board of the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall adopt the reconsideration policy required by Subsection (g), Section 508.141, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

S.B. No. 917

1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 917 passed the Senate on April 16, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 917 passed the House, with amendment, on May 16, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor