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S.B. No. 917

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 917:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the time during which inmates may be considered for
3 release on parole.

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

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

7 (g) The policy board shall adopt a policy establishing the
8 date on which the board may reconsider for release an inmate who has
9 previously been denied release. The policy must require the board
10 to reconsider for release an inmate serving a sentence for an
11 offense listed in Section 508.149(a) during a month designated by
12 the parole panel that denied release. The designated month must
13 begin after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and end
14 before the fifth anniversary of the date of the denial. The policy
15 must require the board to reconsider for release an inmate other
16 than an inmate serving a sentence for an offense listed in Section
17 508.149(a) as soon as practicable after the first anniversary of
18 the date of the denial.

19 SECTION 2. The policy board of the Board of Pardons and
20 Paroles shall adopt the reconsideration policy required by Section
21 508.141(g), Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than
22 January 1, 2004.

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

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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.