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S.B. No. 917

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 described by Section 508.149 at
11 any time after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and
12 before the fifth anniversary of the date of the denial. The policy
13 must require the board to reconsider for release an inmate other
14 than an inmate described by Section 508.149 as soon as practicable
15 after the first anniversary of the date of the denial.

16 SECTION 2. The policy board of the Board of Pardons and
17 Paroles shall adopt the reconsideration policy required by Section
18 508.141(g), Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than
19 January 1, 2004.

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