

1-1 By: Whitmire S.B. No. 917
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2003; March 11, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 2, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the time during which inmates may be considered for
1-9 release on parole.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 508.141, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-13 (g) The policy board shall adopt a policy establishing the
1-14 date on which the board may reconsider for release an inmate who has
1-15 previously been denied release. The policy must require the board
1-16 to reconsider for release an inmate described by Section 508.149 at
1-17 any time after the first anniversary of the date of the denial and
1-18 before the fifth anniversary of the date of the denial. The policy
1-19 must require the board to reconsider for release an inmate other
1-20 than an inmate described by Section 508.149 as soon as practicable
1-21 after the first anniversary of the date of the denial.

1-22 SECTION 2. The policy board of the Board of Pardons and
1-23 Paroles shall adopt the reconsideration policy required by
1-24 Subsection (g), Section 508.141, Government Code, as added by this
1-25 Act, not later than January 1, 2004.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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