

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 43

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to
3 conduct a mandatory human immunodeficiency virus test on certain
4 inmates and state jail felons.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 501.054(i), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (i) The institutional division may test an inmate confined
9 in a facility operated by the division for human immunodeficiency
10 virus at any time, but must test an inmate who is eligible for
11 release before the inmate is released from the division. If the
12 institutional division determines that an inmate has a positive
13 test result, the division may segregate the inmate from other
14 inmates.

15 SECTION 2. Section 507.023(b), Government Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (b) The state jail division shall adopt a policy for
18 handling a defendant with AIDS or HIV and shall [~~may~~] test a
19 defendant for AIDS or HIV in the same manner and subject to the same
20 conditions as apply to the institutional division under Section
21 501.054.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.