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H.B. No. 1340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to delaying parole eligibility for an individual convicted
3 of murder who evades arrest.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 508.145, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

7 (g) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), the earliest date on
8 which an inmate serving a sentence for an offense under Section
9 19.02, Penal Code, is eligible for parole is delayed by three years
10 from the date otherwise provided by Subsection (d) for every 12
11 months that elapse between the date an arrest warrant is issued for
12 the inmate following an indictment for the offense and the date the
13 inmate is arrested for the offense.

14 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to the parole eligibility
15 of an inmate serving a sentence for an offense under Section 19.02,
16 Penal Code, committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
17 The parole eligibility of an inmate serving a sentence for an
18 offense under Section 19.02, Penal Code, committed before the
19 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the
20 time the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in
21 effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense
22 was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element
23 of the offense was committed before that date.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.