BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 301 By: Talton (Whitmire) Criminal Justice 5/22/2003 Engrossed

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, former board members or employees of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may not, before the 10th anniversary of the end of employment or board membership, represent any person before the Board of Pardons and Paroles or a parole panel or receive compensation for services rendered on behalf of any person regarding a matter pending before the Board of Pardons and Paroles or a parole panel.

H.B. 301 requires that a former employee or member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice wait two years before representing a person before the Board of Pardons and Paroles or a parole panel.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 508.083(b) and (c), Government Code, as follows:

- (b) Prohibits a person serving as a member or employee of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (TBPP) or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice from taking certain actions, before the second, rather than 10th, anniversary of the date the person ceases to be a TBPP member or employee.
- (c) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 508.083(d) (relating to prohibiting former members or employees of certain entities from representing certain persons or receiving compensation for certain services rendered), Government Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.