

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Board of Pardons and Paroles has a policy board composed of six members. However, problems have arisen when there is no majority vote, due to a 3-3 split vote. As proposed, S.B. 1678 changes the number of persons on the Board of Pardons and Paroles Policy Board from six to seven.

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 Chapter 508.036(a), Government Code, to require the governor to designate seven members, rather than six members, of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to serve as the Board of Pardons and Paroles Policy Board. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.