

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Parole Commission membership; amending  
 3           s. 947.01, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; amending  
 4           s. 947.02, F.S.; requiring the commission's membership to  
 5           reflect at all times the diversity of the population of  
 6           this state; repealing s. 947.022, F.S., which provided for  
 7           the expiration of the terms of the members of the  
 8           commission as of June 30, 1996, and the staggering of the  
 9           initial terms of the members appointed to replace them;  
 10          providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Section 947.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 15 read:

16           947.01 Parole Commission; creation; number of members.--A  
 17 Parole Commission is created to consist of three ~~six~~ members who  
 18 are residents of the state. ~~Effective July 1, 1996, the~~  
 19 ~~membership of the commission shall be three members.~~

20           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 947.02, Florida  
 21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22           947.02 Parole Commission; members, appointment.--

23           (1) Except as provided in s. 947.021, the members of the  
 24 Parole Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and Cabinet  
 25 from a list of eligible applicants submitted by a parole  
 26 qualifications committee. The appointments of members of the  
 27 commission shall be certified to the Senate by the Governor and  
 28 Cabinet for confirmation, and the membership of the commission

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29 | shall at all times reflect the diversity of the population of  
30 | this state ~~include representation from minority persons as~~  
31 | ~~defined in s. 288.703.~~

32 | Section 3. Section 947.022, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

33 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.