



**TEXAS BOARD
OF
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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BOARD POLICY

**SUBJECT: ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE; CONSECUTIVE (CUMULATIVE)
FELONY SENTENCING**

PURPOSE: To establish a policy regarding parole consideration for offenders sentenced to consecutive felony sentencing.

AUTHORITY: §508.0441, 508.045, 508.150 and 508.221, Government Code

POLICY: This policy applies only to an offender sentenced to serve consecutive sentences if each sentence in the series is for an offense committed on or after September 1, 1987.

A parole panel shall designate during each sentence the date, if any, on which the person would have been eligible for release on parole if the person had been sentenced to serve a single sentence.

A parole panel shall not treat consecutive sentences as a single sentence for purposes of parole and may not release on parole an offender sentenced to serve consecutive felony sentences earlier than the date on which the offender becomes eligible for release on parole from the last sentence imposed on the offender.

Consecutive felony sentencing cases subject to this policy, not previously considered in accordance with this policy, and hereinafter submitted to a parole panel for parole consideration shall be re-voted in accordance with this policy.

**ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD ON THE 8th DAY OF JANUARY,
2004.**

RISSIE OWENS, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)

** Signature on file.*