



**TEXAS BOARD  
OF  
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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## **BOARD POLICY**

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**SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONDITION “L” (MAXIMUM LEVEL OF SUPERVISION)**

**PURPOSE:** To establish “L” as a special condition of parole or mandatory supervision and to establish a procedure for imposing such as a condition of parole or mandatory supervision. Special condition “L” is appropriate for imposition when a higher level of supervision is warranted upon release or after violations of parole or mandatory supervision.

**AUTHORITY:** §§508.0441, 508.045 and 508.221, Government Code; see also Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole Division Administrative Directive Number PD/AD-3.2.8 (September 1, 1999)

**POLICY:** Members of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and parole commissioners determine conditions of parole and mandatory supervision. Members and commissioners act in panels comprised of three persons, and panel decisions are made by majority vote. The board presiding officer (chair) designates the composition of the respective panels. Special conditions are conditions imposed in addition to the standard conditions of parole or mandatory supervision. Unless otherwise provided, any condition may be imposed before or after release and shall remain in effect until specifically removed by a parole panel.

**COMPONENTS: Special Condition “L” (Maximum Level of Supervision)**

Special condition “L” represents a cooperative effort between the Board of Pardons and Paroles and TDCJ Parole Division to ensure the successful compliance by an offender while minimizing the potential threat to the community. Whereas parole panels are vested with the authority to impose conditions of parole or mandatory supervision, TDCJ Parole Division is responsible for determining the level of supervision afforded an offender.

The Parole Division provides four levels of supervision for offenders assigned to a regular caseload; maximum, medium, minimum, and quarterly report. The Parole

Division determines and has set policies concerning the number of parole officer/offender contacts required for each level.

When special condition “L” is imposed by a parole panel, an offender is placed on a regular caseload and remains at the maximum level of supervision until an objective reassessment by the Parole Division indicates another level of supervision is warranted.

**PROCEDURE:**

**I. Imposition of Special Condition**

- A. A parole panel, upon a majority vote, may impose Special Condition “L” as a condition of parole or mandatory supervision.
- B. Unless otherwise directed, any condition imposed becomes effective the date the offender is served notice of the parole panel's decision in writing.

**II. Removal of Special Condition**

While special condition “L” is in effect, an offender’s supervising officer may assign the offender to another level of supervision (medium or minimum ), provided said reassignment is based on an objective reassessment of the offender’s risk and needs. At that point in time, special condition “L” as a condition of release shall no longer be enforced.

**ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004.**

**RISSIE OWENS, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)**

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*\* Signature on file.*