SENATE BILL No. 507

May 20, 2003, Introduced by Senators SCHAUER, BRATER, SCOTT, BERNERO, LELAND, TOY, ALLEN, GEORGE and OLSHOVE and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled

"Corrections code of 1953,"

by amending section 31a (MCL 791.231a), as added by 1992 PA 181.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 31a. (1) Beginning October 1, 1992, there is
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2 established in the department —, a parole board consisting of
3 —10— the following number of members, who shall be appointed by
4 the director and who shall not be within the state civil service:
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(a) Until October 5, 2003, 10 members.

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- (b) Beginning October 5, 2003, 15 members, including all of the following:
- (i) Three members shall be individuals who are, at the time of their appointment, law enforcement officers with 3 years' experience and who are certified by the commission on law

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- 1 enforcement standards under the commission on law enforcement
- 2 standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.616.
- 3 (ii) Two members shall be individuals who are, at the time of
- 4 their appointment, admitted to the practice of law in this state
- 5 and who have 3 years' experience as a county prosecutor, an
- 6 assistant county prosecutor, or a prosecuting attorney for the
- 7 United States.
- 8 (iii) Three members shall be individuals who are, at the time
- 9 of their appointment, social workers registered under part 185 of
- 10 the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18501 to 333.18515,
- 11 with at least 3 years' experience and who are members of the
- 12 academy of certified social workers (ACSW).
- 13 (2) Members of the parole board shall be appointed to terms
- 14 of 4 years each, except that of the additional 8 members -first
- 15 appointed under subsection (1)(b), -4-3 shall serve for terms of
- 16 4 years each, 3 shall serve for terms of 3 years each, and -3 2
- 17 shall serve for -terms- a term of 2 years. -each. A member may
- 18 be reappointed. The director may remove a member of the parole
- 19 board for incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance,
- 20 misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office. If a vacancy occurs on
- 21 the parole board, the director shall make an appointment for the
- 22 unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. At
- 23 least 4 members of the parole board shall be persons who, at the
- 24 time of their appointment, have never been employed by or
- 25 appointed to a position in the department of corrections.
- 26 (3) Each member of the parole board shall receive an annual
- 27 salary as established by the legislature and shall be entitled to

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- 1 necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of
- 2 official duties subject to the standardized travel regulations of
- **3** the state.
- 4 (4) The chairperson of the parole board shall be designated
- 5 by the director. The chairperson of the parole board is
- 6 responsible for the administration and operation of the parole
- 7 board. The chairperson may conduct interviews and participate in
- 8 the parole decision making process. The chairperson shall select
- 9 secretaries and other assistants as the chairperson considers to
- 10 be necessary.
- 11 (5) The parole board created in this section shall exist for
- 12 purposes of appointment and training on October 1, 1992, and as
- 13 of November 15, 1992, shall exercise and perform the powers and
- 14 duties prescribed and conferred by this act.

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