

Emergency Absence From TDCJ

The governor may grant a reprieve upon the written recommendation of a majority of the Board of Pardons and Parole (Texas Constitution, Article IV, §11). A reprieve is not recommended as a matter of right and each request will be judged on the merits of the case and the security risk involved. Except at the request of the governor, the board will consider only such requests for reprieves as meet certain general and specific criteria.

For an offender to be eligible for emergency leave he/she:

Must be Line Class I minimum-in custody.

Must be within 12 months of parole eligibility.

Must have been in TDCJ custody for 6 months.

Must not have any aggravated offenses.

Must not have any unresolved or pending felony/INS detainers

Must not have any disciplinary rule violations within past 6 months or disciplinary history of assaults on staff.

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