

1-1 By: Smith (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2950  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2021;  
1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the composition of and actions transferred by the  
1-16 judicial panel on multidistrict litigation.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 74.161(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-19 to read as follows:

1-20 (a) The judicial panel on multidistrict litigation consists  
1-21 of five members designated from time to time by the [~~chief justice~~  
1-22 ~~of the~~] supreme court. The members of the panel must be active,  
1-23 former, or retired court of appeals justices or active  
1-24 administrative judges.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 74.1625(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the judicial panel on  
1-28 multidistrict litigation may not transfer:

1-29 (1) an action brought by the consumer protection  
1-30 division of the attorney general's office under Subchapter E,  
1-31 Chapter 17, Business & Commerce Code[~~, except an action~~  
1-32 ~~specifically authorized by Section 17.50 of that code~~]; or

1-33 (2) an action brought under Chapter 36, Human  
1-34 Resources Code.

1-35 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
1-36 an action commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
1-37 action commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed  
1-38 by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this  
1-39 Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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