

AN ACT

relating to the hearings officer of the Texas Department of Banking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11.202(b), Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Texas Department of Banking may employ a hearings officer to serve the finance agencies as determined by interagency agreement. For the purposes of Section 2003.021, Government Code, a hearings officer employed under this section may be retained under contract to provide services on a part-time basis and is considered to be an employee of each agency for which hearing services are provided. The hearings officer's only duty under the hearings officer's contract is to preside over matters related to contested cases before a finance agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

S.B. No. 1645

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1645 passed the Senate on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1645 passed the House on May 6, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 8, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor