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S.B. No. 1645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the hearings officer of the Texas Department of  
3 Banking.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [11.202\(b\)](#), Finance Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

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