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H.B. No. 3253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to judicial review regarding issues other than
3 compensability or income or death benefits under the Texas Workers'
4 Compensation Act.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 410.255(a), Labor Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) For all issues other than those covered under Section
9 410.301(a), judicial review shall be conducted in the manner
10 provided for judicial review of a contested case under Subchapter
11 G, Chapter 2001, Government Code, except that the review must be
12 conducted in the county in which the employee resided on the date of
13 the compensable injury or death that is the subject of the claim.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
15 to a proceeding for judicial review initiated on or after the
16 effective date of this Act. A proceeding for judicial review
17 initiated before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
18 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
19 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.