

AN ACT

relating to the time for filing a petition for judicial review in certain workers' compensation cases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 410.252(a), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A party may seek judicial review by filing suit not later than the 45th [~~40th~~] day after the date on which [~~the decision of the appeals panel was filed with~~] the division mailed the party the decision of the appeals panel. For purposes of this section, the mailing date is considered to be the fifth day after the date the decision of the appeals panel was filed with the division.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a judicial review proceeding initiated under Subchapter F or G, Chapter 410, Labor Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A proceeding initiated before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding was initiated, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4545 was passed by the House on May 6, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4545 on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4545 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor