

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 4545
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2009;
1-3 May 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 22, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
1-6 May 22, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4545 By: Lucio

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the time for filing a petition for judicial review in
1-11 certain workers' compensation cases.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 410.252(a), Labor Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (a) A party may seek judicial review by filing suit not
1-16 later than the 45th [~~40th~~] day after the date on which [~~the decision~~
1-17 ~~of the appeals panel was filed with~~] the division mailed the party
1-18 the decision of the appeals panel. For purposes of this section,
1-19 the mailing date is considered to be the fifth day after the date
1-20 the decision of the appeals panel was filed with the division.

1-21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-22 to a judicial review proceeding initiated under Subchapter F or G,
1-23 Chapter 410, Labor Code, on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-24 A proceeding initiated before that date is governed by the law in
1-25 effect on the date the proceeding was initiated, and the former law
1-26 is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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