By:  Hancock S.B. No. 934

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire             X

Zaffirini            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to judicial review of certain workers' compensation disputes.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 410.252(a) and (d), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  A party may seek judicial review by filing suit not later than the 60th [~~45th~~] day after the date on which 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.

(d)  If a suit is initially filed within the 60-day [~~45-day~~] period in Subsection (a), and is transferred under Subsection (c), the suit is considered to be timely filed in the court to which it is transferred.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a suit for judicial review filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit for judicial review filed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law as it existed on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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