

AN ACT

relating to extension of deadlines for claims and related settlement and dispute resolution under the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2210.581, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Subsection (b), the commissioner, on a showing of good cause, may by rule:

(1) extend any deadline established under this subchapter; and

(2) set the length of the extension.

(b) With reference to deadlines applicable to the association only, all deadline extensions related to claims arising from [filed during] a particular storm [catastrophe year, the extension of deadlines under Subsection (a)] may not exceed 120 days in the aggregate. This subsection does not affect the extension of a deadline applicable to a claimant or to both the association and a claimant.

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Section 2001.0045, Government Code, does not apply to rules adopted under this subsection.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to a claim filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim  
2 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
3 applicable to the claim immediately before the effective date of  
4 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1944 was passed by the House on April 12, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1944 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor