

1-1 By: Lucio III, Wu (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 1944  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019;  
 1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 2, 2019, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 2, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 Schwertner	X			
1-14 Whitmire			X	
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to extension of deadlines for claims and related  
 1-20 settlement and dispute resolution under the Texas Windstorm  
 1-21 Insurance Association Act.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 2210.581, Insurance Code, is amended by  
 1-24 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read  
 1-25 as follows:

1-26 (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the commissioner, on a  
 1-27 showing of good cause, may by rule:

1-28 (1) extend any deadline established under this  
 1-29 subchapter; and

1-30 (2) set the length of the extension.

1-31 (b) With reference to deadlines applicable to the  
 1-32 association only, all deadline extensions related to claims arising  
 1-33 from [filed during] a particular storm [catastrophe year, the  
 1-34 extension of deadlines under Subsection (a)] may not exceed 120  
 1-35 days in the aggregate. This subsection does not affect the  
 1-36 extension of a deadline applicable to a claimant or to both the  
 1-37 association and a claimant.

1-38 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to  
 1-39 implement this section. Section 2001.0045, Government Code, does  
 1-40 not apply to rules adopted under this subsection.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-42 to a claim filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim  
 1-43 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law  
 1-44 applicable to the claim immediately before the effective date of  
 1-45 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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