

AN ACT

relating to deadlines for the claims appraisal process of the Texas
Windstorm Insurance Association.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2210.574, Insurance Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
follows:

(d) If a claimant demands appraisal under this section:

(1) the appraisal must be conducted as provided by the
association policy; ~~and~~

(2) the claimant and the association are responsible
in equal shares for paying any costs incurred or charged in
connection with the appraisal, including a fee charged under
Subsection (e); and

(3) the appraisal must be completed within the period
established under Subsection (d-1).

(d-1) In consultation with the association, the
commissioner shall adopt rules establishing the period in which an
appraisal demanded under this section must be completed. In
adopting the rules, the commissioner shall:

(1) allow flexibility for an adequate investigation of
the claim that is the subject of the appraisal; and

(2) consider the time necessary to preserve the
independence of the appraisers.

1 SECTION 2. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules
2 required by Section [2210.574](#), Insurance Code, as amended by this
3 Act.

4 SECTION 3. Section [2210.574](#), Insurance Code, as amended by
5 this Act, applies only to an appraisal demanded on or after January
6 1, 2024. An appraisal demanded before January 1, 2024, is governed
7 by the law in effect on the date the appraisal was demanded, and
8 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3310 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3310 on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3310 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor