1-1 S.B. No. 1645 By: Parker 1**-**2 1**-**3 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2023; March 16, 2023, read time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; first April 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, 1-4 Nays 0; April 17, 2023, sent to printer.) 1-5

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1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Schwertner	X			
1-9	King			Χ	
1-10	Birdwell	X			
1-11	Campbell	X			
1-12	Creighton	X			
1-13	Johnson	Х			
1-14	Kolkhorst	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	Х			
1-17	Nichols	Х			
1-18	Zaffirini	Х			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-20 AN ACT

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relating to the hearings officer of the Texas Department of 1-21 1-22 1-23 Banking.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.202(b), Finance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Texas Department of Banking may employ a hearings officer to serve the finance agencies as determined by interagency agreement. For the purposes of Section 2003.021, Government Code, a hearings officer employed under this section may be retained under contract to provide services on a part-time basis and is considered to be an employee of each agency for which hearing services are provided. The hearings officer's only duty under the hearings officer's contract is to preside over matters related to contested cases before a finance agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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