

1-1 By: Bumgarner (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3146  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2025;  
1-3 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic  
1-4 Development; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to certain hearings conducted by the State Office of  
1-16 Administrative Hearings.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 12.032, Agriculture Code,  
1-19 is amended to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 12.032. HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY ~~[COOPERATION WITH]~~ STATE  
1-21 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

1-22 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 40.066, Human Resources  
1-23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 40.066. HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY ~~[COOPERATION WITH]~~ STATE  
1-25 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

1-26 SECTION 3. Section 40.066(c), Human Resources Code, is  
1-27 amended to read as follows:

1-28 (c) If the State Office of Administrative Hearings conducts  
1-29 a contested case hearing for the department under Chapter 2001,  
1-30 Government Code, the [The] administrative law judge who conducts  
1-31 the [a contested case] hearing [for the State Office of  
1-32 Administrative Hearings on behalf of the department] shall enter  
1-33 the final decision in the case after completion of the hearing.

1-34 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 402.073, Labor Code, is  
1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 402.073. HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY ~~[COOPERATION WITH]~~  
1-37 STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

1-38 SECTION 5. Section 402.073(c), Labor Code, is amended to  
1-39 read as follows:

1-40 (c) In a case in which a hearing is conducted in conjunction  
1-41 with Section ~~[402.072,]~~ 407.046, 408.023, or 415.034, and in other  
1-42 cases under this subtitle that are not subject to Subsection (b),  
1-43 the administrative law judge who conducts the hearing for the State  
1-44 Office of Administrative Hearings shall propose a decision to the  
1-45 commissioner for final consideration and decision by the  
1-46 commissioner.

1-47 SECTION 6. Section 524.032(b), Transportation Code, is  
1-48 amended to read as follows:

1-49 (b) A hearing shall be rescheduled if, before the fifth day  
1-50 before the date scheduled for the hearing, a request for a  
1-51 continuance from the person who requested the hearing is received  
1-52 by the State Office of Administrative Hearings ~~[in accordance with~~  
1-53 ~~the memorandum of understanding adopted under Section 524.033(c)].~~  
1-54 Unless both parties agree otherwise, the hearing shall be  
1-55 rescheduled for a date not earlier than the fifth day after the date  
1-56 the request for continuance is received.

1-57 SECTION 7. The following provisions are repealed:

- 1-58 (1) Sections 12.032(a) and (e), Agriculture Code;  
1-59 (2) Section 22.018, Human Resources Code;  
1-60 (3) Sections 40.066(a), (b), and (d), Human Resources  
1-61 Code;

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