

HB 343 -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Schroer

After August 28, 2021, all administrative law judges of the Division of Workers' Compensation shall be subject to a defined term depending on the tier under which the judge is classified, as explained in the bill. The term for those currently serving is set based upon total months of service. Thereafter, the term of service shall be six years. A judge shall not serve beyond his or her term unless reappointed by the Division.

The bill provides that each judge, depending on months of service, shall be subject to a retention vote, and every four years thereafter. A judge who does not receive an affirmative majority vote for retention by the Administrative Law Judge Review Committee may have his or her appointment withdrawn immediately by the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation. This bill allows the Division to set the salaries of administrative law judges, subject to appropriations.

This bill is similar to HB 1888 (2020).