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(excluding appropriations, fund transfers, and similar provisions)

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ACT SUMMARY

- Requires the Chairperson of the Industrial Commission to report twice a year during the biennium to specified legislative leaders on (1) the number of workers' compensation cases that have been disposed of during the reporting period, the number that remain pending, and the number that are on appeal, and (2) the Commission's efforts to improve communications with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.
- Revises the meeting requirements and appointing authority of the Services Committee of the Workers' Compensation System.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Periodic reports on Industrial Commission activities

(Section 8)

The Industrial Commission consists of three members appointed by the Governor, and is responsible for adjudicating workers' compensation claims and establishing adjudicatory policy for the workers' compensation system.

The act requires the chairperson of the Industrial Commission to report twice a year during the biennium to the chairperson and ranking member of the House and Senate standing committees that address workers' compensation and Industrial Commission issues. Each report must include information detailing (1) the number of cases disposed of during the preceding six months, the number of

cases pending, and the number of cases on appeal, and (2) the Industrial Commission's efforts to maintain and improve communications with the Administrator of Workers' Compensation and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The reports are due on or before January 31, 2000; July 31, 2000; January 31, 2001; and July 31, 2001.

Services Committee of the Workers' Compensation System

(sec. 4121.06)

The Services Committee of the Workers' Compensation System exists to provide coordination of data processing and mail and facilities management services between the Bureau and the Industrial Commission and to resolve conflicts between the Bureau and Industrial Commission. Under prior law (modified by the act), it is comprised of one member of the Bureau appointed by the Administrator, one member of the Industrial Commission, appointed by the Industrial Commission, and one member appointed by the Governor, who serves as the Chairperson of the Committee. The act requires the Chairperson of the Industrial Commission to appoint the member from the Industrial Commission rather than merely specifying that the Industrial Commission appoints this member.

The Committee was required by former law to meet at least monthly and other times at the request of the Industrial Commission, Administrator, or Chairperson. The act eliminates the minimum monthly meeting requirement and the Chairperson's authority to require the Committee to meet, and instead specifies that the Committee must meet at the request of the Administrator or the Chairperson of the Industrial Commission.

HISTORY

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