

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently the exact date is not defined in statute for the exact date a two-year term ends for a chief administrative law judge and the governor's office is having to speculate when that term does or should expire.

S.B. 528 defines in statute that the term for the governor-appointed chief administrative law judge will expire on May 15 of each even-numbered year.

There could be an issue with the term if it is not specifically set out in statute. This bill brings stability and predictability to the chief administrative law judge's term.

As proposed, S.B. 528 amends current law relating to the term of a chief administrative law judge.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2003.022(a), Government Code, to provide that the State Office of Administrative Hearings is under the direction of a chief administrative law judge appointed by the governor for a two-year term that expires on May 15 of each even-numbered year.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.