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## DIGEST

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HB No. 601

**Abstract:** Authorizes the legislature to create a system of administrative law, to provide for administrative law judges and for judicial review of administrative agency determinations.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature to create a system of administrative law to commence and handle all adjudications in the manner required by the Administrative Procedure Act, provide for the employment, qualifications, and authority of administrative law judges, and provide relative to access to the courts by a governmental agency or public official seeking judicial review of an administrative agency determination.

Present constitution delineates original jurisdiction of the district courts of this state including jurisdiction of all civil matters. Present constitution excepts from this general provision jurisdiction over administrative agency determinations in workers' compensation matters as provided by law. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution but broadens the exception to include administrative agency determinations in all matters.

Proposed constitutional amendment specifies that the legislature may enact such laws notwithstanding any other provision of the constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election to be held in 2003.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §16(A); Adds Const. Art. XII, §15)