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SB No. 42

Present constitution provides that a majority of the judges sitting in a case must concur to render judgment. However, in civil matters only, when a judgment of a district court is to be modified or reversed and one judge dissents, the case shall be reargued before a panel of at least five judges prior to rendition of judgment, and a majority must concur to render judgment.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and additionally provides that when an administrative agency determination in a worker's compensation claim is to be modified or reversed and one judge dissents, the case shall be reargued before a panel of at least five judges prior to rendition of judgment, and a majority shall concur to render judgment.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Article V, Section 8(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill.

1. Added technical amendments to ballot language to specify applicability to the courts of appeal.