

CHAPTER 2022-152

Senate Bill No. 2516

An act relating to the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims; amending s. 440.44, F.S.; deleting a requirement for the office to maintain district offices and personnel at a certain level; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 440.44, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440.44 Workers' compensation; staff organization.—

(5) OFFICE.—The department, the agency, and the Deputy Chief Judge shall maintain and keep open during reasonable business hours an office, which shall be provided in the Capitol or some other suitable building in the City of Tallahassee, for the transaction of business under this chapter, at which office the official records and papers shall be kept. The office shall be furnished and equipped. The department, the agency, any judge of compensation claims, or the Deputy Chief Judge may hold sessions and conduct hearings at any place within the state. ~~The Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims shall maintain the 17 district offices, 31 judges of compensation claims, and 31 mediators as they exist on June 30, 2001.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2022.

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