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HB No. 537

**Abstract:** Provides for the situs of necessary hearings by a workers' compensation judge.

Present law provides that the claimant shall elect the situs of necessary hearings at the time a claim is initiated.

Proposed law changes present law by allowing the party initiating the claim to elect the situs.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 23:1310.4(A)(1))