

**Bill Summary**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1456</b>
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1456 directs the Court of Civil Appeals to establish the Court of Existing Claims (CEC) division. The newly created division shall replace the 3-judge en banc panel of the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims and have jurisdiction over all workers' compensation claims filed prior to February 1, 2014. The judge of the newly created division shall be appointed by the Justice of the Supreme Court from a list of retired judges on a rotational basis. The measure directs the CEC to contract with the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission to pay for the integration, maintenance, and upgrade of the system. Any party to a hearing on a claim for compensation before the CEC trial judge or the CEC Division shall be entitled to the services of a court reporter. The measure also redesignates the Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund to the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims Administrative Fund (CECAF).

**House Amendments**

HA's to SB 1456 adds language providing for coordination between the Court of Existing Claims and the Commission. The measure also renames the Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund and restores the title.

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