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- 1** **Contested cases.** This section provides that in a contested case proceeding, the report or order of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) constitutes the final decision in the case. Contested cases are proceedings before a state agency in which legal rights or duties of specific parties are required by law or constitution to be determined after an agency hearing.

Under current law, an ALJ conducts a contested case hearing and issues a report. In most instances, the ALJ report is not the final decision. Rather, in most cases, the final decision is made by the state agency. [There are examples under current law, such as Human Rights hearings, in which the ALJ report is the final decision in the case.]
 - 2** **Revisor instruction.** Instructs the Revisor to present a bill to make conforming statutory changes necessary to fully implement section 1.