

Article 101 – Workmen’s Compensation

Section 5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(A) [From] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, [and after January 1, 1958,] for the purpose of conducting hearings by the Commission as authorized by this article, an injured employee [shall have his election of having] MAY ELECT TO HAVE a Commission session or a hearing either (1) in the county where the alleged accident occurred, (2) in the county where the employee lived at the time the accident occurred, or (3) in Baltimore City; provided that the employee shall notify the commissioner of [his] THE election within ten days from the date that both sides are notified that a hearing will be held if the accident occurred outside of Baltimore City and the employee was not a resident of the city the Commission may deny the election to have the case heard in the city, for reason of inconvenience to the parties. The Commission shall so arrange its schedule of hearings so that any claim brought under the provisions of this section shall be heard without unreasonable delay.

(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY” INCLUDES:

- (I) A COUNTY;
- (II) A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION;
- (III) A STATUTORY BICOUNTY AGENCY; AND
- (IV) AN INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY.

(2) UNLESS THE EMPLOYEE OBJECTS, IF THE EMPLOYER IS A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY IS LOCATED, PROVIDED THAT HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION ARE SCHEDULED IN THAT COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 2, 1990.