

boards, and the said arbitration boards shall have the power to conduct investigations and hold hearings, to summon witnesses, and enforce their attendance through the ordinary processes of law in the cities and counties in which such arbitration boards may meet, subject to all the penalties for non-attendance to which witnesses in ordinary civil cases are subject, and in like manner may require the production of books, documents and papers and may administer oaths, all to the same extent that such powers are possessed and exercised by the civil courts of the State; and said arbitration boards shall make, report and publish findings for the settlement of such controversies and disputes. The said Board of Labor and Statistics shall itself have like power to conduct investigations and hold hearings, summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books, documents and papers, and make and publish reports and findings with respect to any and all matters covered by this section. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Board may appoint and designate a Deputy, and fix his compensation, who shall be known as the Chief Mediator, and who, together with any assistants who may be assigned by the Board, shall have in charge the execution of the provisions of this section, under the direction and supervision of the Board. The Chief Mediator may act upon any board of arbitration, but in such event he shall receive no compensation therefor in addition to his ordinary salary. Nothing in this section contained shall affect the provisions with respect to arbitration and award contained in Article 7 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Arbitration and Award," nor the provisions with respect to arbitration contained in sections 223 to 228 inclusive of the Baltimore City Charter.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That section 53 of Article 100 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Volume III, title "Work, Hours of, in Factories," sub-title "Hours of Labor for Females," be and the same hereby is repealed; and two new sections be and the same hereby are added to Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry," said new sections to be subtitled "Hours of Labor, Workshops, Factories, etc.," to follow immediately after section 11 of said Article, to be known respectively as sections 12 and 13, and to read as follows: