

*the work is to be performed for the various classifications of workmen and apprentices required to execute the contemplated contract, and such determination or schedule of the prevailing hourly rate of wages shall be attached to and made a part of the specifications and the contract for the work. If there is not a substantial number of competent workmen engaged in work of the same or a similar character within the locality as established by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall use the nearest established locality from which such workmen may be obtained in sufficient numbers to perform the work to make the determination. The Commissioner shall forthwith give notice by mail of all determinations of prevailing wage rates made pursuant to this section to any representative of any classification, any employer, or any representative of any group of employers who in writing requests the Commissioner so to do. The public body shall specify in the call for bids for the contract what is the prevailing hourly rate of wages, including the prevailing rate of wages for overtime work, in the locality for the various classifications of workmen and apprentices needed to execute the contract.*

*(b) It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the specified rates to all workmen and apprentices employed by them in the execution of the contract. The public body awarding the contract shall cause to be inserted in the contract a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages shall be paid to all workmen and apprentices performing work under the contract. It shall also require in all the contractor's bonds that the contractor include such provisions as will guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing hourly wage clause as provided by contract. It shall be the duty of such public body awarding the contract, and its agents and officers, to take cognizance of all complaints of all violations of the provisions of this law committed in the course of the execution of the contract, and, when making payments to the contractor becoming due under said contract, to withhold, and retain therefrom, all sums and amounts due and owing as a result of any violation hereof.*

*(c) The provisions of this subtitle shall not apply to public works if the Federal government or any of its agencies furnishes by loan or grant all or any part of the funds used in the construction of such public works, provided the public works require a prevailing wage determination by the United States Secretary of Labor.*

*(d) The Commissioner, from time to time, shall investigate and determine the prevailing hourly rate of wages in the localities. Pursuant to this authority the Commissioner shall divide the State and, from time to time, redivide the State into various localities or areas for the purpose of determining and fixing the prevailing rate of wages therein. In so dividing or redividing the State, the Commissioner shall not be restricted or confined to geographical or political subdivisions of the State. In determining prevailing wage rates, the Commissioner shall ascertain and consider, AMONG OTHER THINGS, the applicable wage rates established by collective bargaining agreements.*

*(e) The governing body of every political subdivision of this state may provide by resolution that the political subdivision shall be covered by this subtitle and included within the scope of its pro-*