

visions, and any such political subdivision shall constitute a "public body" within the meaning of the subtitle when the Secretary of State is notified in writing by the governing body that such action has been taken.

99.

(a) Any prospective bidder or his representative, any representative of any group of employers engaged in the particular type of construction involved, any representative of any classification of workmen, or the public body, within ten (10) days after the call for bids on the public work involved, may file with the Commissioner a verified petition, which sets forth the facts upon which it is based, to review the determination of any prevailing wage rate or rates. Within two (2) days thereafter a copy of the petition shall be filed with the public body authorizing the public work. The Commissioner, upon notice to the petitioner, the public body authorizing the public work, and the recognized collective bargaining representatives for the particular classifications involved, and also to all persons entitled to receive notice pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 98 hereof, shall institute an investigation and hold a public hearing within twenty (20) days after the filing of such petition. The Commissioner at his discretion may hear each petition separately or consolidate for hearing any two or more petitions. At the hearing the Commissioner shall introduce in evidence the investigation it instituted and the other facts which were considered at the time of the original determination which formed the basis for his determination. The Commissioner or any interested parties thereafter may introduce any evidence that is material to the issue. Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioner shall make a determination and transmit it, in writing, to the public body and to the interested parties. Such determination shall be final.

(b) Upon receipt by the public body of the notice of the filing of such petition, the public body awarding the contract shall extend the closing date for the submission of bids until five (5) days after the determination of the prevailing wage rates pursuant to this section and the publication of such findings.

(c) As to any matters of procedure RATE DETERMINATION the applicable provisions of Article 41, subtitle 24, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, "Administrative Procedure Act," shall prevail.

100.

(a) A clearly legible statement of all prevailing hourly wage rates to be paid to all workmen and apprentices employed on the construction of the public works shall be kept posted in a prominent and easily-accessible place at the site thereof by each contractor engaged in public works projects under the provisions of this subtitle, and the notice shall remain posted during the full time that any workman or apprentice is employed on the public works.

(b) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prohibit the payment to any workman or apprentice employed on any public work of more than the prevailing rate of wages. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to limit the hours of work which may be performed by any workman or apprentice in any particular period of time.