

Labor and Industry," subtitle "Arbitration of Labor Disputes," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) An employer and any individuals or labor organizations representing a substantial number of employees involved may petition the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, in such form as prescribed by the Commissioner, for permission to enter into a consent election agreement leading to a determination by the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative of the facts ascertained after such consent election. Where a petition has been duly filed, the Commissioner shall cause notice of such petition to be posted at the place of employment for a period of time sufficient for all interested parties to be made aware of the nature and purpose of the petition. The notice of each such petition caused to be posted by the Commissioner shall state that any organization may file an objection or exception to the petition with the Commissioner within a time period prescribed by the Commissioner, such time period to be not less than one week from the date of the posting of such notice. If no objections or exceptions to the petition are received by the Commissioner within the time period prescribed by the Commissioner, he shall grant approval to the petitioner to enter into a consent election agreement. Such agreement shall include a description of the appropriate unit, the time and place of holding the election, and the payroll to be used in determining [such] which employees within the appropriate unit shall be eligible to vote. Such consent election shall be conducted under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives, and the rulings and determinations by the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives of the results thereof shall be final, and the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives shall issue to the parties a certification of the results of the election, including certification of representatives where appropriate.

*(b) Where objections or exceptions to the petition are received by the Commissioner from an organization or organizations purporting to represent a substantial number of employees involved, the Commissioner shall cause an investigation to be made into the objections or exceptions. If, as a result of the investigation, it appears to the Commissioner from such objections or exceptions that the organization or organizations do appear to represent a substantial number of employees involved, the Commissioner shall cause the name of the organization or organizations to be placed on the official ballot to be used in the consent election.*

*(c) Where a bargaining unit has been certified by the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative as a result of a consent election or where a bargaining unit has been established without benefit of an election and an organization or organizations have been extended the right to represent the unit for purposes of collective bargaining, a petition supported by 30% or more of the employees in the unit may be filed with the Commissioner requesting decertification of the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative; provided, however, that no such petition may be filed within 12 months following certification or recognition resulting from a secret ballot election. Upon receipt of such petition the Commis-*