

(c) (1) The Appeals Board shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide all appeals arising under the provisions of § 11-137(f) of this subtitle.

(2) Proceedings before the Appeals Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article (Administrative Procedure Act - Contested Cases). The Appeals Board shall, in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article (Administrative Procedure Act - Regulations), adopt regulations that are not inconsistent with that act to provide for informal, expeditious, and inexpensive resolution of appeals before the Appeals Board.

(3) THE DECISION OF THE APPEALS BOARD IS FINAL, SUBJECT TO ANY JUDICIAL REVIEW.

(4) THE FOLLOWING TIME LIMITS SHALL APPLY TO CONTRACT DISPUTE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD:

(I) A BRIEF, IF REQUIRED SHALL BE FILED BY THE APPELLANT AND THE RESPONDENT IN THE ORDER AND WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDING APPEALS BOARD MEMBER AFTER CONSULTATION WITH BOTH PARTIES; AND

(II) THE FINAL DECISION OF THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL BE RENDERED WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER ALL BRIEFS IN THE CASE HAVE BEEN FILED OR THE RECORD IS OTHERWISE CLOSED, WHICHEVER IS LATER, UNLESS BOTH PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT DISPUTE AGREE TO AN ENLARGEMENT OF THIS PERIOD.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) If House Bill 100 of 1985 becomes law, Section 1 of this Act shall be void and of no effect, and

(b) If House Bill 100 of 1985 fails to become law, Section 2 of this Act shall be void and of no effect.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1986.

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