

(I) IS SUFFICIENT TO INFORM INTERESTED PERSONS ABOUT THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PETITION; AND

(II) DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL AT LEAST 1 WEEK AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE MEDIATION SERVICE CAUSES NOTICE OF THE PETITION TO BE POSTED.

(D) NOTICE.

(1) THE MEDIATION SERVICE SHALL CAUSE NOTICE OF A PETITION TO BE POSTED, AT EACH PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT THAT THE PETITION AFFECTS, FOR THE PERIOD SET UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE NOTICE SHALL STATE THAT A LABOR ORGANIZATION MAY OBJECT TO THE PETITION WITHIN THE PERIOD SET UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), (c)(1) and (2)(ii), and (d) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from the first through third sentences of former Art. 89, § 12(a).

Subsection (c)(2)(i) of this section is new language added to limit the period that the Mediation Service sets for objections to a petition. Although the second sentence of former Art. 89, § 12(a) literally set a period during which a notice of a petition must be posted, it seems clear that this limit also applies to the period for objection. Accordingly, in subsection (d)(1) and (2) of this section, the references to "the period set under subsection (c)" are substituted for the former references to separate periods for posting and objecting.

In subsection (a) of this section, the specific reference to "conduct[ing]" a consent election is added for clarity, since, in fact, the Mediation Service would conduct and not merely determine the result of a consent election under this subtitle.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the words "whom a petition affects" are substituted for the former word "involved", for clarity.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to "individuals" representing a substantial number of employees is deleted as unnecessary, since an individual would not represent employees as an individual, but rather represent as a labor organization. The Labor and Employment Article Review Committee calls this deletion to the attention of the General Assembly and notes that it is consistent with subsections (c) and (d) of this section, which refer only to a "labor organization" to object to a petition. The Committee also notes that former Art. 89, § 12(b) required the Mediation Service to investigate an objection to a petition only if it is made by a labor organization that "purport[s]" to represent a substantial number of employees. See § 4-208(b) of this subtitle. Subsection (a) of this section is revised to conform to § 4-208(b)(1). The word "purports" seems to refer to evidence of interest.