

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the phrases "in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section" are substituted for the former ambiguous reference to a petition that is "duly filed", to clarify that a petition must be submitted in proper form by persons authorized to submit the petition.

In subsection (c)(2)(i) of this section, the defined term "person[s]" is substituted for the former narrow word "parties" to indicate that the requirement for notice extends beyond "parties".

In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to "each place of employment that the petition affects" is substituted for the former reference to "the place of employment", to reflect that a petition may affect more than one place of employment.

In subsection (d)(2) of this section, the word "labor" is added to modify "organization" to clarify that only "labor" organizations may submit objections. See § 4-208(b)(1) of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (d)(2) of this section, the former reference to an "exception" is deleted as included in the reference to making an "object[ion]".

As to the substitution of "Mediation Service" for the former references to the "Commissioner" and "his duly authorized representative", see the revisor's note to § 4-202 of this subtitle.

The Labor and Employment Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the procedure in subsections (c) and (d) of this section for objecting to a petition does not correspond to the procedure for a consent election under the National Labor Relations Board. In light of the directive in § 4-203 of this subtitle that procedural regulations under this subtitle are, to the extent practicable, to conform to similar regulations of the National Labor Relations Board, the General Assembly may wish to reconsider whether this subtitle should include a procedure for objecting to petitions. The Committee notes that deletion of the procedure also would affect § 4-208 of this subtitle, which allows the Mediation Service to withhold approval of a petition if it receives a timely objection.

The Labor and Employment Article Review Committee also notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that, in subsection (d)(2) of this section, the reference to a "labor" organization is substituted for the former reference to "any" organization, since the Committee interpreted subsection (d)(2) of this section as applying only to a labor organization.

Defined terms: "Consent election" § 4-201

"Mediation Service" § 4-201

"Person" § 1-101 "Petition" § 4-206