

Procedure for Reference to Boards.

Where ~~two~~ or more persons are of opinion that a combine exists, and that, in virtue of such combine prices have been ~~unduly~~ enhanced to ^{on the supply of a commodity} ~~the~~ ^{restricted} detriment of consumers, such persons may make application to any judge of a Superior or High Court, for an order directing an investigation into such ^{alleged} Combine. Upon such application being made and accompanied by affidavits ^{or} ~~statements~~ ^{declarations} in the form and manner prescribed, such persons shall be entitled, either individually or through a representative, to an ex parte hearing before such Judge, to show cause why in the public interest an investigation should be had ~~into such combine, with a view to determining~~ ^{whether such combine exists and} whether in virtue of such combine, prices have been ~~unduly~~ ^{or supply restricted} enhanced to the detriment of consumers.

Within thirty days after the receipt by a Judge of a Superior or High Court of an application accompanied by affidavits ^{or declarations} of ~~two~~ or more persons, in the form and manner prescribed, the Judge shall fix a time and place for hearing the applicants ^{or} their representative, and if upon such hearing ^{reasonable ground} shall appear to the Judge ^{for believing} that a combine does exist in virtue of which prices have been unduly enhanced to the detriment of consumers, and that it is in the public interest that an investigation should be had into ~~the existence of~~ such combine, the Judge shall forthwith grant an order directing an investigation ^{under} in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(Sections to be added setting forth form and manner in which application and order shall be made).

Take in 2a + 2b.