

thereof, and such notification shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

Term of office.

10. Every member of a Board shall hold office from the time of his appointment until the report of the Board is signed and transmitted to the Minister.

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Members not to have pecuniary interest in dispute or parties.

11. No person shall act as a member of a Board who has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the subject of the dispute before the Board, or has any such interest in either of the parties thereto.

How vacancy to be filled.

12. Every vacancy in the membership of a Board shall be supplied in the same manner as in the case of the original appointment of every person appointed.

Oath of office and secrecy.

13. Before entering upon the exercise of the functions of their office the members of a Board, including the chairman, shall make oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of their office, and also that, except in the discharge of their duties they will not disclose to any person any of the evidence or other matter brought before the Board.

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Clerical and other assistance.

14. The Department may provide the Board with a secretary, stenographer, or such other clerical assistance as to the Minister appears necessary for the efficient carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

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Procedure for Reference of Disputes to Boards.

Manner in which application to be made.

15. For the purpose of determining the manner in which, and the persons by whom, an application for the appointment of a Board is to be made, the following provisions shall apply:

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1. The application shall be made in writing in the prescribed form, and shall be in substance a request to the Minister to appoint a Board to which the existing dispute may be referred under the provisions of this Act.

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2. The application shall be accompanied by—

(a) A statement setting forth—

- (1) the parties to the dispute;
- (2) the nature and cause of the dispute, including any claims or demands made by either party upon the other, to which exception is taken;
- (3) an approximate estimate of the number of persons affected or likely to be affected by the dispute;
- (4) the efforts made by the parties themselves to adjust the dispute;

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and—

(b) A sworn declaration setting forth that, failing an adjustment of the dispute or a reference thereof by the Minister to a Board of Conciliation and Investigation under the Act, a lockout or strike, as the case may be, will be declared, and that the necessary authority to declare such lockout or strike has been obtained.

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