

44-829. Proceedings concerning prohibited practices; procedure; judicial review and enforcement of board's actions; remedies for certain violations. (a) Any controversy concerning prohibited practices may be submitted to the board. Proceedings against the party alleged to have committed a prohibited practice shall be commenced by service upon it by the board of a written notice, together with a copy of the charges. The accused party shall have seven days within which to serve a written answer to such charges, unless the board determines an emergency exists and requires the accused party to serve a written answer to such charges within 24 hours of their receipt. Hearings on prohibited practices shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. If the board determines an emergency exists, the board shall follow the procedures contained in K.S.A. 77-536, and amendments thereto. A strike or lockout shall be construed to be an emergency. The board may use its rulemaking power, as provided in K.S.A. 44-820, and amendments thereto, to make any other procedural rules it deems necessary to carry on this function.

(b) The board shall either dismiss the complaint or determine that a prohibited practice has been or is being committed. If the board finds that the party accused has committed or is committing a prohibited practice, the board shall make findings as authorized by this act and shall file them in the proceedings. Any action of the board pursuant to this section is subject to review and enforcement in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act. The board is hereby authorized to file a petition in the district court to enforce its final orders until such time as they are modified or set aside by the court. The procedures for obtaining injunction, contempt citations, fines and allied remedies to enforce actions of the board shall be as set forth in the code of civil procedure, except that the provisions of K.S.A. 60-904, and amendments thereto, shall not control injunction actions arising out of agricultural employer-employee relations under this act. Such injunctive and allied remedies may be obtained and enforced against persons, employee organizations or associations, labor unions, corporations, and officers of or representatives of the same.

(c) In the event there is an alleged violation of either subsection (b)(8) of K.S.A. 44-828 or subsection (c)(6), (7) or (8) of K.S.A. 44-828, and amendments thereto, the aggrieved party is authorized to seek relief in district court in the manner provided for enforcement of actions of the board in subsection (b), including injunctions, contempt citations, fines and allied remedies, while proceedings on such prohibited practices are pending before the board. Any ruling of the district court shall remain in effect until set aside by the court on motion of the parties or of the board or upon review of the board's order as provided by subsection (b).

History: L. 1972, ch. 193, § 12; L. 1986, ch. 318, § 62; L. 1988, ch. 356, § 146; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 77; July 1.