

**72-5417. Same; determination by secretary of human resources upon petition.** (a) A petition may be filed with the secretary, asking the secretary to investigate and decide the question of whether (1) professional employees in an appropriate negotiating unit have designated a professional employees' organization for recognition as an exclusive representative for purposes of K.S.A. 72-5415; (2) a professional employees' organization which is the recognized exclusive representative should be replaced by another professional employees' organization; (3) recognition of a professional employees' organization as the exclusive representative should be withdrawn.

(b) A petition under subsection (a) may be filed by:

(1) A board of education alleging that it has received a request for exclusive recognition from a professional employees' organization and has a good faith doubt as to the accuracy or validity of the claims made in the request; or

(2) a professional employees' organization; or

(3) one or more professional employees seeking withdrawal of recognition of a professional employees' organization as the exclusive representative.

**History:** L. 1970, ch. 284, § 5; L. 1977, ch. 248, § 3; L. 1980, ch. 220, § 4; July 1.