

Ofc. of Labor-Management Standards, Labor

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PROCEDURES INVOLVING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

§ 458.63 Complaints alleging violations of § 458.29, election of officers.

(a) A member of a labor organization may file a complaint alleging violations of § 458.29 within 1 calendar month after he has (1) exhausted the remedies available under the constitution and bylaws of the labor organization and of any parent body, or (2) invoked such available remedies without obtaining a final decision within 3 calendar months of such invocation.

(b) The complaint shall contain a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation(s), the remedies which have been invoked under the constitution and bylaws of the labor organization and when such remedies were invoked.

(c) The complainant shall submit with his complaint a copy of any ruling or decision he has received in connection with the subject matter of his complaint.

§ 458.64 Investigations; dismissal of complaint.

(a) If it is determined after preliminary inquiry that a complaint is deficient in any of the following respects, the District Director shall conduct no investigation:

(1) The complainant is not a member of the labor organization which conducted the election being challenged;

(2) The labor organization is not subject to the CSRA or FSA;

(3) The election was not a regular periodic election of officers;

(4) The allegations, if true, do not constitute a violation or violations of § 458.29;

(5) The complainant has not complied with the requirements of § 458.63(a).

(b) If investigation discloses (1) that there has been no violation or (2) that a violation has occurred but could not have affected the outcome or (3) that a violation has occurred but has been remedied, the Chief, DOE shall issue a determination dismissing the complaint and stating the reasons for his action.

(c) A determination dismissing the complaint may be reviewed by the Assistant Secretary, but only on the basis

of deciding whether the Chief, DOE's decision was arbitrary and capricious. The request for review must be made within fifteen (15) days after service of notice of dismissal.

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§ 458.65 Procedures following actionable complaint.

(a) If the Chief, DOE concludes that there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred which may have affected the outcome and which has not been remedied, he shall proceed in accordance with §§ 458.66 through 458.92.

(b) The challenged election shall be presumed valid pending a final decision thereon by the Assistant Secretary, and in the interim the affairs of the organization shall be conducted by the officers elected or in such other manner as its constitution and bylaws may provide.

(c) When the Chief, DOE supervises an election pursuant to an order of the Assistant Secretary issued under § 458.70 or § 458.91, he shall certify to the Assistant Secretary the names of the persons elected. The Assistant Secretary shall thereupon issue an order declaring such persons to be the officers of the labor organization.

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OTHER ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

§ 458.66 Procedures for institution of enforcement proceedings.

(a) Whenever it appears to the Chief, DOE that a violation of any provision of §§ 458.26 through 458.30 has occurred and has not been remedied, he shall immediately notify any appropriate person and labor organization. Within fifteen (15) days following receipt of such notification, any such person or labor organization may request a conference with the Chief, DOE or his representative concerning such alleged violation.

(b) Whenever it appears to a District Director that a violation of this part (other than §§ 458.2, 458.26–458.30, or 458.37) has occurred and has not been remedied, he shall immediately notify

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any appropriate person and labor organization. Within fifteen (15) days following receipt of such notification, any such person or labor organization may request a conference with the District Director or his representative concerning such alleged violation.

(c) At any conference held pursuant to this section, the Chief, DOE or District Director may enter into an agreement providing for appropriate remedial action. If no person or labor organization requests such a conference, or upon failure to reach agreement following any such conference, the Chief, DOE or District Director shall institute enforcement proceedings by filing a complaint with the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Department of Labor, and shall cause a copy of the complaint to be served on each respondent named therein. If an agreement is reached and the Chief, DOE or District Director concludes that there has not been compliance with all the terms of the agreement, he may refer the matter to the Assistant Secretary for appropriate enforcement action or file a complaint with the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

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§ 458.67 Standards complaint; initiation of proceedings.

A complaint filed under § 458.66 shall constitute the institution of a formal enforcement proceeding in the name of the Chief, DOE or District Director, who shall be the only complaining party in the proceeding and shall, where he believes it appropriate, refrain from disclosing the identity of any person who called the violation to his attention (except in proceedings involving violations of § 458.29, Election of officers). The complaint shall include the following:

- (a) The name and identity of each respondent.
- (b) A clear and concise statement of the facts alleged to constitute violations of the CSRA or FSA or of this part.
- (c) A statement of the relief requested.
- (d) In any complaint filed by the Chief, DOE on the basis of a complaint

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received from a member of a labor organization pursuant to § 458.63, a statement setting forth the procedures, if any, followed to invoke available remedies, including the dates when such procedures were invoked, and the substance of any ruling or decision received by the complaining member from the labor organization or any parent body.

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§ 458.68 Answer.

(a) Within twenty (20) days from the service of the complaint the respondent shall file an answer thereto with the Chief Administrative Law Judge and shall serve a copy on all parties. The answer shall be signed by the respondent or his attorney or other agent or representative.

(b) The answer (1) shall contain a statement of the facts which constitute the grounds of defense, and shall specifically admit, explain, or deny each of the allegations of the complaint unless the respondent is without knowledge, in which case the answer shall so state; or (2) shall state that the respondent admits all of the allegations in the complaint. Failure to file an answer to or plead specifically to any allegation in the complaint shall constitute an admission of such allegation.

Subpart C—Hearing and Related Matters

§ 458.69 Notice of hearing.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall issue and cause to be served upon each of the parties a notice of hearing. The notice of hearing shall include the following:

- (a) The name and identity of each party and the case number.
- (b) A statement of the authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.
- (c) A statement of the time and place of the hearing which shall be not less than fifteen (15) days after service of the notice of hearing.