

By Senator Miller

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unemployment compensation
3 hearings; amending s. 443.151, F.S.; requiring
4 that notice of the hearing be sent to all
5 parties by certified or registered mail;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
11 443.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 443.151 Procedure concerning claims.--

13 (4) APPEALS.--

14 (b) Filing and hearing.--

15 1. The claimant or any other party entitled to notice
16 of a determination as herein provided may file an appeal from
17 such determination with an appeals referee within 20 days
18 after the date of mailing of the notice to her or his last
19 known address or, if such notice is not mailed, within 20 days
20 after the date of delivery of such notice.

21 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.569(2)(b),
22 unless the appeal is withdrawn with her or his permission or
23 is removed to the commission, the appeals referee, after
24 mailing all parties and attorneys of record a notice of
25 hearing by certified or registered mail at least 10 days prior
26 to the date of hearing, shall affirm, modify, or reverse such
27 determination; however, whenever an appeal involves a question
28 as to whether services were performed by claimant in
29 employment or for an employer, the referee shall give special
30 notice of such issue by certified or registered mail and of
31 the pendency of the appeal to the employing unit and to the

1 division, both of which shall thenceforth be parties to the
2 proceeding.

3 3. The parties shall be promptly notified of such
4 referee's decision; and such decisions shall be final unless,
5 within 20 days after the date of mailing of notice thereof to
6 the party's last known address or, in the absence of such
7 mailing, within 20 days after the delivery of such notice,
8 further review is initiated pursuant to paragraph (c).

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that all parties to a hearing on an appeal of a
claim for unemployment compensation be notified of the
hearing by certified or registered mail.