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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unemployment compensation hearings;
3 amending s. 443.151, F.S.; requiring that notice of the
4 hearing be sent to all parties by certified or registered
5 mail; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
10 443.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 443.151 Procedure concerning claims.--

12 (4) APPEALS.--

13 (b) Filing and hearing.--

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

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21 unless the appeal is withdrawn with her or his permission or is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



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30 to the employing unit and to the division, both of which shall
31 thenceforth be parties to the proceeding.

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

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