

may be fixed, hearings thereon jointly conducted, a single record of the proceedings made, and evidence introduced with respect to one proceeding considered as introduced in the others, provided that in the judgment of the examiner, special examiner, referee or Board having jurisdiction of the proceeding, such consolidation would not be prejudicial to any party. No person shall participate on behalf of the Board in any case in which he has a direct or indirect interest. A record shall be kept of all testimony and proceedings before special examiners or in connection with an appeal, but, in the absence of an order by the Board, such testimony need not be transcribed unless judicial review is initiated. Witnesses subpoenaed pursuant to this section shall be allowed fees at a rate fixed by the Board and fees of witnesses subpoenaed on behalf of the Board or any claimant shall be deemed part of the expense of administering this Act.

(h) *Judicial Review.* Within ten days after the decision of the Board has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may secure judicial review thereof by appeal to the Circuit Court of the County or the Superior Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, in which appeal any other party to the proceeding before the Board shall be made a defendant. In such appeal, a petition which need not be verified, but which shall state the grounds upon which a review is sought, shall be served upon a member of the Board, or upon such person as the Board may designate and such service shall be deemed completed service on all parties, but there shall be left with the party so served as many copies of the petition as there are defendants, and the Board shall forthwith mail one such copy to each such defendant. With its answer the Board shall certify and file with said Court all documents and papers and a transcript of all testimony taken in the matter, together with its findings of fact and decision therein. The Board may also, in its discretion, certify to such Court questions of law involved in any decision by it. In any judicial proceeding under this section, the findings of the Board as to the facts, if supported by evidence and in the absence of fraud, shall be conclusive, and the jurisdiction of said court shall be confined to questions of law. Such actions, and the questions so certified, shall be heard in a summary manner and shall be given precedence over all other civil cases except cases arising under the Workmen's Compensation Law of this State. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Circuit Court of the County, or the Superior Court of Baltimore City, to the Court of Appeals of Maryland in the same manner, but not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as is provided in civil cases. It shall not be necessary, in any judicial pro-