

**46-914. Same; consideration of claims; hearing; notice; rules or procedure; state officers and employees to provide information and assistance.** (a) Each claim shall be considered by the joint committee as soon as practicable after it is filed. If the joint committee deems a hearing to be necessary or advisable on any claim or if the claimant requests the same, it shall provide for the holding of a hearing and shall give the claimant and the state agency involved, if any, at least fifteen days notice by certified mail of the time and place thereof.

(b) The joint committee shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence, except when specifically required by its rules but shall admit all testimony having reasonable probative value, and shall conduct all hearings in a fair and impartial manner, giving full opportunity for presentation of evidence and argument.

(c) All officers and employees of the state shall provide such information and assistance as may be deemed necessary by the joint committee in the investigation and determination of claims filed under the provisions of this act.

**History:** L. 1978, ch. 203, § 4; May 11.