

**97B.20B Hearing by administrative law judge.**

If an appeal is filed and is not withdrawn, an administrative law judge in the department of inspections and appeals, after affording the parties reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall affirm, modify, or reverse the decision of the system. The hearing shall be recorded by mechanical means and a transcript of the hearing shall be made. The transcript shall then be made available for use by the employment appeal board and by the courts at subsequent judicial review proceedings under the Iowa administrative procedure Act, [chapter 17A](#), if any. The parties shall be duly notified of the administrative law judge's decision, together with the administrative law judge's reasons. The decision is final unless, within thirty days after the date of notification or mailing of the decision, review by the employment appeal board is initiated pursuant to [section 97B.27](#).

[92 Acts, ch 1201, §18](#); [2001 Acts, ch 68, §21, 24](#); [2003 Acts, ch 44, §114](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §286](#)