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Use this table if you know the statutory citation to language in the old APA and wish to trace it forward into the new Act and to discover the new citation. In order to trace a new citation back into the old Act, use Table I.

This cross reference table was prepared by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee from legislative bills prior to the release of the 1996 Supplement to the Florida Statutes. While every effort was made to ensure accuracy, it was prepared by hand and may contain errors. This table should therefore be used only as a guide to direct the reader to the relevant portions of the new and old acts, and should not be relied upon to contain the exact text of the law. After locating the relevant sections, the 1995 Florida Statutes and enrolled acts should always be consulted.

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SECTION-BY-SECTION COMPARISON OF NEW APA AND OLD APA

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session ¹
<p>120.50 Exception to application of chapter.-- This chapter shall not apply to: (1) The Legislature. (2) The courts.</p>	<p>120.50 Exception to application of chapter.-- This chapter shall not apply to: (1) The Legislature. (2) The courts.</p>
<p>120.51 Short title.-- This chapter may be known and cited as the "Administrative Procedure Act."</p>	<p>120.51 Short title.-- This chapter may be known and cited as the "Administrative Procedure Act."</p>

¹ Some APA bills enacted into law during the 1996 session referenced old sections of the Act which were repealed, renumbered, or substantially rewritten by CS/SB 2290 & 2288. In the interest of clarity, an attempt has been made to incorporate the substance of these bills into the language of the new Act. The chart has been marked with footnotes to indicate the places this was done. The reader should understand that the committee attempted to determine the appropriate place for the amendments solely as a convenience to the reader. At the time of printing of this chart, the Division of Statutory Revision had not yet finally determined how the bills would appear in the 1996 Supplement to the Florida Statutes. Ultimately, the place of inclusion will be determined by the passage of a bill in some future session.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.52 Definitions.-- As used in this act:</p> <p>(1) "Agency" means:</p> <p>(a) The Governor in the exercise of all executive powers other than those derived from the constitution.</p> <p>(b) Each other state officer and each state department, departmental unit described in s. 20.04, commission, regional planning agency, board, district, and authority, including, but not limited to, those described in chapters 163, 298, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504, except any legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to chapter 361, part II.</p> <p>(c) Each other unit of government in the state, including counties and municipalities, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this act by general or special law or existing judicial decisions.</p>	<p>120.52 Definitions.-- As used in this act:</p> <p>(1) "Agency" means:</p> <p>(a) The Governor in the exercise of all executive powers other than those derived from the constitution.</p> <p>(b) Each state officer and state department, departmental unit described in s. 20.04, commission, regional planning agency, board, multi county special district with a majority of its governing board comprised of nonelected persons, and authority, including, but not limited to, the Commission on Ethics and the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission when acting pursuant to statutory authority derived from the Legislature, and those entities described in chapters 163, 298, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504, except any legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to chapter 361, part II, an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348, or any legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01(7), unless any party to such agreement is otherwise an agency as defined in this subsection.²</p> <p>(c) Each other unit of government in the state, including counties and municipalities, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this act by general or special law or existing judicial decisions.</p>
<p>120.52(1) A judge of compensation claims shall not, in the adjudication of workers' compensation claims, be considered an agency or part of an agency for the purposes of this act.</p>	<p>120.80(10)(b) Workers' compensation.-- Notwithstanding s.120.52(1) a judge of compensation claims, in the adjudication of matters pursuant to chapter 440, shall not be considered an agency or part of an agency for the purposes of this chapter.</p>

² In an engrossing error, an additional phrase appeared at the end of this paragraph. It read, "or an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348." This additional phrase was actually deleted by amendment when the reference to expressway authorities was placed earlier in this same paragraph. It is our understanding that the Division of Statutory Revision intends to have this error noted with a footnote.

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<p>120.52(2) "Agency action" means the whole or part of a rule or order, or the equivalent, or the denial of a petition to adopt a rule or issue an order. The term also includes any denial of a request made under s. 120.54(5).</p>	<p>120.52(2) "Agency action" means the whole or part of a rule or order, or the equivalent, or the denial of a petition to adopt a rule or issue an order. The term also includes any denial of a request made under s. 120.54(7).</p>
<p>120.52(3) "Agency head" means the person or collegial body in a department or other governmental unit statutorily responsible for final agency action.</p>	<p>120.52(3) "Agency head" means the person or collegial body in a department or other governmental unit statutorily responsible for final agency action.</p>
<p>120.52(4) "Committee" means the Administrative Procedures Committee.</p>	<p>120.52(4) "Committee" means the Administrative Procedures Committee.</p>
<p>120.52(5) "Communications media technology" means the electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b)2. As used in this subparagraph, "communications media technology" means the electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available.</p>
<p>120.52(6) "Division" means the Division of Administrative Hearings.</p>	<p>120.52(5) "Division" means the Division of Administrative Hearings.</p>
<p>120.52(7) "Educational unit" means a local school district, a community college district, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a unit of the State University System other than the Board of Regents.</p>	<p>120.52(6) "Educational unit" means a local school district, a community college district, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a unit of the State University System other than the Board of Regents.</p>
<p>120.52(8) "Invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority" means action which goes beyond the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature.</p>	<p>120.52(8) "Invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority" means action which goes beyond the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature.</p>

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<p>120.52(8) A proposed or existing rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority if any one or more of the following apply:</p> <p>(a) The agency has materially failed to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures set forth in s. 120.54;</p> <p>(b) The agency has exceeded its grant of rulemaking authority, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(7);</p> <p>(c) The rule enlarges, modifies, or contravenes the specific provisions of law implemented, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(7);</p> <p>(d) The rule is vague, fails to establish adequate standards for agency decisions, or vests unbridled discretion in the agency; or</p> <p>(e) The rule is arbitrary or capricious.</p>	<p>120.52(8) A proposed or existing rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority if any one of the following applies :</p> <p>(a) The agency has materially failed to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter ;</p> <p>(b) The agency has exceeded its grant of rulemaking authority, citation to which is required by s.120.54(3)(a)1.;</p> <p>(c) The rule enlarges, modifies, or contravenes the specific provisions of law implemented, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(3)(a)1.;</p> <p>(d) The rule is vague, fails to establish adequate standards for agency decisions, or vests unbridled discretion in the agency;</p> <p>(e) The rule is arbitrary or capricious;</p>
<p>120.52(9) "License" means a franchise, permit, certification, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization required by law, but it does not include a license required primarily for revenue purposes when issuance of the license is merely a ministerial act.</p>	<p>120.52(9) "License" means a franchise, permit, certification, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization required by law, but it does not include a license required primarily for revenue purposes when issuance of the license is merely a ministerial act.</p>
<p>120.52(10) "Licensing" means the agency process respecting the issuance, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license or imposition of terms for the exercise of a license.</p>	<p>120.52(10) "Licensing" means the agency process respecting the issuance, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license or imposition of terms for the exercise of a license.</p>
<p>120.52(11) "Order" means a final agency decision which does not have the effect of a rule and which is not excepted from the definition of a rule, whether affirmative, negative, injunctive, or declaratory in form. An agency decision shall be final when reduced to writing and filed with the person designated by the agency as clerk. The clerk shall indicate the date of filing on the order.</p>	<p>120.52(7) "Final order" means a written final decision which results from a proceeding under s.120.56, s. 120.565, s. 120.569, s. 120.57, s. 120.573, or s. 120.574 which is not a rule, and which is not excepted from the definition of a rule, and which has been filed with the agency clerk, and includes final agency actions which are affirmative, negative, injunctive, or declaratory in form. A final order includes all materials explicitly adopted in it. The clerk shall indicate the date of filing on the order.</p>

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<p>120.52(11) This subsection is not applicable to an assessment of tax, penalty, or interest by the Department of Revenue. Assessments by the Department of Revenue shall be deemed final as provided in the statutes and rules governing the assessment and collection of taxes.</p>	<p>120.80(14) DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.-- (a) Assessments.-- An assessment of tax, penalty, or interest by the Department of Revenue is not a final order as defined by this chapter. Assessments by the Department of Revenue shall be deemed final as provided in the statutes and rules governing the assessment and collection of taxes.</p>
<p>120.52(12) "Party" means: (a) Specifically named persons whose substantial interests are being determined in the proceeding. (b) Any other person who, as a matter of constitutional right, provision of statute, or provision of agency regulation, is entitled to participate in whole or in part in the proceeding, or whose substantial interests will be affected by proposed agency action, and who makes an appearance as a party. (c) Any other person, including an agency staff member, allowed by the agency to intervene or participate in the proceeding as a party. An agency may by rule authorize limited forms of participation in agency proceedings for persons who are not eligible to become parties. (d) Any county representative, agency, department, or unit funded and authorized by state statute or county ordinance to represent the interests of the consumers of a county, when the proceeding involves the substantial interests of a significant number of residents of the county and the board of county commissioners has, by resolution, authorized the representative, agency, department, or unit to represent the class of interested persons. The authorizing resolution shall apply to a specific proceeding and to appeals and ancillary proceedings thereto, and it shall not be required to state the names of the persons whose interests are to be represented.</p>	<p>120.52(12) "Party" means: (a) Specifically named persons whose substantial interests are being determined in the proceeding. (b) Any other person who, as a matter of constitutional right, provision of statute, or provision of agency regulation, is entitled to participate in whole or in part in the proceeding, or whose substantial interests will be affected by proposed agency action, and who makes an appearance as a party. (c) Any other person, including an agency staff member, allowed by the agency to intervene or participate in the proceeding as a party. An agency may by rule authorize limited forms of participation in agency proceedings for persons who are not eligible to become parties. (d) Any county representative, agency, department, or unit funded and authorized by state statute or county ordinance to represent the interests of the consumers of a county, when the proceeding involves the substantial interests of a significant number of residents of the county and the board of county commissioners has, by resolution, authorized the representative, agency, department, or unit to represent the class of interested persons. The authorizing resolution shall apply to a specific proceeding and to appeals and ancillary proceedings thereto, and it shall not be required to state the names of the persons whose interests are to be represented.</p>

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<p>120.52(12) Prisoners as defined in s. 944.02(5) may obtain or participate in proceedings under s. 120.54(3) or (5). Prisoners shall not be considered parties in any other proceedings and may not seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of any other agency action.</p>	<p>120.81(3) PRISONERS AND PAROLEES.-- (a) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(12), prisoners, as defined by s. 944.02(5) shall not be considered parties in any proceedings other than those under s. 120.54(3)(c) or (7), and may not seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of any other agency action.</p>
<p>120.52(12) Parolees shall not be considered parties for purposes of agency action or judicial review when the proceedings relate to the rescission or revocation of parole.</p>	<p>120.81(3)(a) Parolees shall not be considered parties for purposes of agency action or judicial review when the proceedings relate to the rescission or revocation of parole.</p>
<p>120.52(13) "Person" means any person described in s. 1.01, any unit of government in or outside the state, and any agency described in subsection (1).</p>	<p>120.52(13) "Person" means any person described in s. 1.01, any unit of government in or outside the state, and any agency described in subsection (1).</p>
<p>120.52(14) "Proposed order" means the advance text, under s. 120.58(1)(e), of the order which a collegial agency head plans to enter as its final order. When a hearing officer assigned by the division conducts a hearing, the recommended order is the proposed order.</p>	
<p>120.52(15) "Recommended order" means the official recommendation of a hearing officer assigned by the division to an agency or of any other duly authorized presiding officer, other than an agency head or member thereof, for the final disposition of a proceeding under s. 120.57.</p>	<p>120.52(14) "Recommended order" means the official recommendation of an administrative law judge assigned by the division or of any other duly authorized presiding officer, other than an agency head or member of an agency head, for the final disposition of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and s. 120.57.</p>
<p>120.52(16) "Rule" means each agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy or describes the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency and includes any form which imposes any requirement or solicits any information not specifically required by statute or by an existing rule. The term also includes the amendment or repeal of a rule. The term does not include:</p>	<p>120.52(15) "Rule" means each agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy or describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency and includes any form which imposes any requirement or solicits any information not specifically required by statute or by an existing rule. The term also includes the amendment or repeal of a rule. The term does not include:</p>

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<p>120.52(16)(a) Internal management memoranda which do not affect either the private interests of any person or any plan or procedure important to the public and which have no application outside the agency issuing the memorandum.</p>	<p>120.52(15)(a) Internal management memoranda which do not affect either the private interests of any person or any plan or procedure important to the public and which have no application outside the agency issuing the memorandum.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(b) Legal memoranda or opinions issued to an agency by the Attorney General or agency legal opinions prior to their use in connection with an agency action.</p>	<p>120.52(15)(b) Legal memoranda or opinions issued to an agency by the Attorney General or agency legal opinions prior to their use in connection with an agency action.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(c) The preparation or modification of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agency budgets. 2. Statements, memoranda, or instructions to state agencies issued by the Comptroller as chief fiscal officer of the state and relating or pertaining to claims for payment submitted by state agencies to the Comptroller. 3. Contractual provisions reached as a result of collective bargaining. 	<p>120.52(15)(c) The preparation or modification of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agency budgets. 2. Statements, memoranda, or instructions to state agencies issued by the Comptroller as chief fiscal officer of the state and relating or pertaining to claims for payment submitted by state agencies to the Comptroller. 3. Contractual provisions reached as a result of collective bargaining.
<p>120.52(16)(c)4. Agricultural marketing orders under chapter 573 or chapter 601.</p>	<p>120.80(2) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.-- (a) Agricultural marketing orders under chapter 573 or chapter 601 are not rules.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(c)5. Curricula by an educational unit.</p>	<p>120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general areas.-- (1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.-- (a) The preparation or modification of curricula by an educational unit is not a rule as defined by this chapter.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(d) Agency action which has the effect of altering established hunting or fishing seasons, or altering established annual harvest limits for saltwater fishing if the procedure for altering such harvest limits is set out by rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission, provided such action is adequately noticed in the area affected through publishing in a newspaper of general circulation or through notice by broadcasting in an electronic media.</p>	<p>120.81(5) HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION.-- Agency action which has the effect of altering established hunting or fishing seasons, or altering established annual harvest limits for saltwater fishing if the procedure for altering such harvest limits is set out by rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission, is not a rule as defined by this chapter, provided such action is adequately noticed in the area affected through publishing in a newspaper of general circulation or through notice by broadcasting by electronic media.</p>

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<p>120.52(16)(e) Any tests, test scoring criteria, or testing procedures relating to student assessment which are developed or administered by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 229.57, s. 232.245, s. 232.246, or s. 232.247 or any other statewide educational test required by law.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(15), any tests, test scoring criteria, or testing procedures relating to student assessment which are developed or administered by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 229.57, s. 232.245, s. 232.246, or s. 232.247, or any other statewide educational tests required by law, are not rules.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(f) Law enforcement policies and procedures of the Department of Law Enforcement which relate to:</p>	<p>120.80(6) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.-- Law enforcement policies and procedures of the Department of Law Enforcement which relate to the following are not rules as defined by this chapter:</p>
<p>120.52(16)(f)1. The collection, management, and dissemination of active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information; management of criminal investigations; and management of undercover investigations and the selection, assignment, and fictitious identity of undercover personnel.</p>	<p>120.80(6)(a) The collection, management, and dissemination of active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information; management of criminal investigations; and management of undercover investigations and the selection, assignment, and fictitious identity of undercover personnel.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(f)2. The recruitment, management, identity, and remuneration of confidential informants or sources.</p> <p>3. Surveillance techniques, the selection of surveillance personnel, and electronic surveillance including court-ordered and consensual interceptions of communication conducted pursuant to chapter 934.</p> <p>4. The safety and release of hostages.</p> <p>5. The provision of security and protection to public figures.</p> <p>6. The protection of witnesses.</p>	<p>120.80(6)(b) The recruitment, management, identity, and remuneration of confidential informants or sources.</p> <p>(c) Surveillance techniques, the selection of surveillance personnel, and electronic surveillance, including court-ordered and consensual interceptions of communication conducted pursuant to chapter 934.</p> <p>(d) The safety and release of hostages.</p> <p>(e) The provision of security and protection to public figures.</p> <p>(f) The protection of witnesses.</p>
<p>120.52(16)(g) The enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, maintenance, training, and discipline of the militia, National Guard, Organized Militia, and unorganized militia, as provided in s. 2, Art. X of the State Constitution.</p>	<p>120.80(11) NATIONAL GUARD.-- Notwithstanding s. 120.52(15), the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, maintenance, training, and discipline of the militia, National Guard, Organized militia, and unorganized militia, as provided by s. 2, Art. X of the State Constitution, are not rules as defined by this chapter.</p>

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<p>120.53 Adoption of rules of procedure and public inspection.--</p> <p>(1) In addition to other requirements imposed by law, each agency shall:</p> <p>(a) Adopt as a rule a description of its organization stating the general course and method of its operations and the methods whereby the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests.</p> <p>(b) Adopt rules of practice setting forth the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures.</p> <p>(c) Adopt rules of procedure appropriate for the presentation of arguments concerning issues of law or policy, and for the presentation of evidence on any pertinent fact that may be in dispute.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b)5. Provision of a method by which each agency head shall provide a description of the agency's organization and general course of its operations.</p> <p>120.53(4) Each agency must provide any person who makes a request with a written description of its organization and the general course of its operations.</p>
<p>120.53(1)(d) Adopt rules for the scheduling of meetings, hearings, and workshops, one of which shall be that an agenda shall be prepared by the agency in time to ensure that a copy of the agenda may be received at least 7 days before the event by any person in the state who requests a copy and who pays the reasonable cost of the copy. The agenda shall contain the items to be considered in the order of presentation. After the agenda has been made available change shall be only for good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside, and stated in the record. Notification of such change shall be at the earliest practicable time.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b) The uniform rules of procedure adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>1. Uniform rules for the scheduling of public meetings, hearings, and workshops.</p> <p>120.525(2) An agenda shall be prepared by the agency in time to ensure that a copy of the agenda may be received at least 7 days before the event by any person in the state who requests a copy and who pays the reasonable cost of the copy. The agenda shall contain the items to be considered in order of presentation. After the agenda has been made available, a change shall be made only for good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside, and stated in the record. Notification of such change shall be at the earliest practicable time.</p>
<p>120.53(1)(d) The agenda for a special meeting of a district school board under authority of s. 230.16 shall be prepared upon the calling of the meeting, but not less than 48 hours prior to such meeting.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(i) Notwithstanding s. 120.525(2), the agenda for a special meeting of a district school board under authority of s. 230.16 shall be prepared upon the calling of the meeting, but not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.</p>

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<p>120.53(1)(d) In addition, each agency shall give notice of meetings, hearings, and workshops in the same manner as that prescribed for rulemaking in s. 120.54(1), except that the notice requirement does not apply to emergency meetings. The notice shall include a statement of the general subject matter to be considered and shall be given not less than 7 days before the event.</p>	<p>120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.-- (1) Except in the case of emergency meetings, each agency shall give notice of public meetings, hearings, and workshops by publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly not less than 7 days before the event. The notice shall include a statement of the general subject matter to be considered.</p>
<p>120.53(2) (a) Each agency shall make available for public inspection and copying, at no more than cost:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All rules formulated, adopted, or used by the agency in the discharge of its functions. 2. All agency orders. 	<p>120.53 Maintenance of orders; indexing; listing; organizational information.- (1)(a) Each agency shall maintain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All agency final orders.
<p>120.53(2)(a)3. A current subject-matter index, identifying for the public any rule or order as specified in this subparagraph. In lieu of the requirement for making available for public inspection and copying a hierarchical subject-matter index of its orders, an agency may maintain and make available for public use an electronic database of its orders that allows users to research and retrieve the full texts of agency orders by devising an ad hoc indexing system employing any logical search terms in common usage which are composed by the user and which are contained in the orders of the agency.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(a)2.a. A current hierarchial subject-matter index, identifying for the public any rule or order as specified in this subparagraph. b. In lieu of the requirement for making available for public inspection and copying a hierarchical subject-matter index of its orders, an agency may maintain and make available for public use an electronic database of its orders that allows users to research and retrieve the full texts of agency orders by devising an ad hoc indexing system employing any logical search terms in common usage which are composed by the user and which are contained in the orders of the agency or by descriptive information about the order which may not be specifically contained in the order.</p>

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<p>120.53(2)(a)3. The agency orders that must be indexed, unless excluded under paragraph (c) or paragraph (d), include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Each final agency order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.57(1) or (2); b. Each final agency order rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(3) which contains a statement of agency policy that may be the basis of future agency decisions or that may otherwise contain a statement of precedential value; c. Each declaratory statement issued by an agency; and d. Each final order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.535, s. 120.54(4), or s. 120.56. 	<p>120.53(1)(a)2.c. The agency orders that must be indexed, unless excluded under paragraph (c) or paragraph (d), include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Each final agency order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.57 or s. 120.573. (II) Each final agency order rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) which contains a statement of agency policy that may be the basis of future agency decisions or that may otherwise contain a statement of precedential value. (III) Each declaratory statement issued by an agency. (IV) Each final order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.56 or s. 120.574.
<p>120.53(2)(a)4. A list of all final orders rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(3) which have been excluded from the indexing requirement of this section, with the approval of the Department of State, because they do not contain statements of agency policy or statements of precedential value. The list must include the name of the parties to the proceeding and the number assigned to the final order.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(a)3. A list of all final orders rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) which have been excluded from the indexing requirement of this section, with the approval of the Department of State, because they do not contain statements of agency policy or statements of precedential value. The list must include the name of the parties to the proceeding and the number assigned to the final order.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(a)5. All orders listed pursuant to subparagraph 4.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(a)4. All final orders listed pursuant to subparagraph 3.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(b) A rule adopted pursuant to this act must be indexed within 90 days after the rule is filed.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(j) A rule published in the Florida Administrative Code must be indexed by the Department of State within 90 days after the rule is filed.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(b) An agency order that must be indexed or listed pursuant to paragraph (a) must be indexed or listed within 120 days after the order is rendered.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(b) An agency final order that must be indexed or listed pursuant to paragraph (a) must be indexed or listed within 120 days after the order is rendered.</p>

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<p>120.53(2)(b) The Department of State shall by rule establish procedures for indexing rules and orders, and procedures of agencies for indexing orders must be approved by the department.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(b) The Department of State shall establish by rule procedures for indexing final orders, and procedures of agencies for indexing orders must be approved by the department.</p> <p>120.54(1)(j) The Department of State shall by rule establish procedures for indexing rules.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(c) Each agency must receive approval in writing from the Department of State for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The specific types and categories of agency orders that may be excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements, as determined by the department pursuant to paragraph (d); 2. The method for maintaining indexes, lists, and orders that must be indexed or listed and made available to the public; 3. The method by which the public may inspect or obtain copies of indexes, lists, and orders; 4. A numbering system to be used in identifying agency orders that must be indexed or listed pursuant to paragraph (a); and 5. Proposed rules for implementing the requirements of this section for indexing and making orders available for public inspection. 	<p>120.53(1)(c) Each agency must receive approval in writing from the Department of State for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The specific types and categories of agency final orders that may be excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements, as determined by the department pursuant to paragraph (d). 2. The method for maintaining indexes, lists, and final orders that must be indexed or listed and made available to the public. 3. The method by which the public may inspect or obtain copies of indexes, lists, and final orders. 4. A sequential numbering system which numbers all final orders required to be indexed or listed pursuant to paragraph (a), in the order rendered. 5. Proposed rules for implementing the requirements of this section for indexing and making final orders available for public inspection.
<p>120.53(2)(d) In determining which orders may be excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements, the Department of State may consider all factors specified by an agency, including precedential value, legal significance, and purpose. Only agency orders that are of limited or no precedential value, that are of limited or no legal significance, or that are ministerial in nature may be excluded.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(d) In determining which final orders may be excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements, the Department of State may consider all factors specified by an agency, including precedential value, legal significance, and purpose. Only agency final orders that are of limited or no precedential value, that are of limited or no legal significance, or that are ministerial in nature may be excluded.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(e) Each agency shall specify by rule the specific types or categories of agency orders that are excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(e) Each agency shall specify the specific types or categories of agency final orders that are excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements.</p>

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<p>120.53(2)(f) Each agency shall specify by rule the location or locations where agency indexes and lists, and orders that are required to be indexed or listed, are maintained and shall specify the method or procedure by which the public may inspect or obtain copies of indexes, lists, and orders.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(f) Each agency shall specify the location or locations where agency indexes, lists, and final orders that are required to be indexed or listed are maintained and shall specify the method or procedure by which the public may inspect or obtain copies of indexes, lists, and final orders.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(g) Each agency shall specify by rule all systems in use by the agency to search and locate agency orders that are required to be indexed or listed, including, but not limited to, any automated system. An agency shall make the search capabilities employed by the agency available to the public subject to reasonable terms and conditions, including a reasonable charge, as provided in s. 119.07. The agency shall specify by rule how assistance and information pertaining to orders may be obtained.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(g) Each agency shall specify all systems in use by the agency to search and locate agency final orders that are required to be indexed or listed, including, but not limited to, any automated system. An agency shall make the search capabilities employed by the agency available to the public subject to reasonable terms and conditions, including reasonable charge, as provided by s. 119.07. The agency shall specify how assistance and information pertaining to final orders may be obtained.</p>
<p>120.53(2)(h) Each agency shall specify by rule the numbering system used to identify agency orders.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(h) Each agency shall specify the numbering system used to identify agency final orders.</p>
<p>120.53(3) No agency rule or order is valid for any purpose until it has been made available for public inspection as herein required unless the person or party against whom enforcement is sought has actual knowledge of it.</p>	
<p>120.53(4)(a) An agency may comply with subparagraphs (2)(a)2. and 3. by designating by rule an official reporter to publish and index by subject matter each agency order that must be indexed and made available to the public. An agency is in compliance with subparagraph (2)(a)4. if it publishes in its designated reporter a list of each agency order that must be listed and preserves each listed order and makes it available for public inspection and copying.</p>	<p>120.53(2)(a) An agency may comply with subparagraphs (1)(a)1. and 2. by designating an official reporter to publish and index by subject matter each agency order that must be indexed and made available to the public. An agency is in compliance with subparagraph (1)(a)3. if it publishes in its designated reporter a list of each agency final order that must be listed and preserves each listed order and makes it available for public inspection and copying.</p>

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<p>120.53(4)(b) An agency may publish its official reporter or may contract with a publishing firm to publish its official reporter; however, if an agency contracts with a publishing firm to publish its reporter, the agency is responsible for the quality, timeliness, and usefulness of the reporter. The Department of State may publish an official reporter for an agency or may contract with a publishing firm to publish the reporter for the agency; however, if the department contracts for publication of the reporter, the department is responsible for the quality, timeliness, and usefulness of the reporter. A reporter that is designated by an agency as its official reporter and approved by the Department of State constitutes the official compilation of the administrative orders for that agency.</p>	<p>120.53(2)(b) An agency may publish its official reporter or may contract with a publishing firm to publish its official reporter; however, if an agency contracts with a publishing firm to publish its reporter, the agency is responsible for the quality, timeliness, and usefulness of the reporter. The Department of State may publish an official reporter for an agency or may contract with a publishing firm to publish the reporter for the agency; however, if the department contracts for publication of the reporter, the department is responsible for the quality, timeliness, and usefulness of the reporter. A reporter that is designated by an agency as its official reporter and approved by the Department of State constitutes the official compilation of the administrative final orders for that agency.</p>
<p>120.53(4)(c) A reporter that is published by the Department of State may be made available by annual subscription, and each agency that designates an official reporter published by the Department of State may be charged a space rate payable to the department. The subscription rate and the space rate must be equitably apportioned to cover the costs of publishing the reporter.</p>	<p>120.53(2)(c) A reporter that is published by the Department of State may be made available by annual subscription, and each agency that designates an official reporter published by the department may be charged a space rate payable to the department. The subscription rate and the space rate must be equitably apportioned to cover the costs of publishing the reporter.</p>
<p>120.53(4)(d) An agency that designates an official reporter need not publish the full text of a final agency order that is rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(3) and that must be indexed pursuant to paragraph (2)(a), if the order is preserved by the agency and made available for public inspection and copying and the official reporter indexes the order and includes a synopsis of the order. A synopsis must include the names of the parties to the order; any rule, statute, or constitutional provision pertinent to the order; a summary of the facts, if included in the order, which are pertinent to the final disposition; and a summary of the final disposition.</p>	<p>120.53(2)(d) An agency that designates an official reporter need not publish the full text of an agency final order that is rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) and that must be indexed pursuant to paragraph (1)(a), if the final order is preserved by the agency and made available for public inspection and copying and the official reporter indexes the final order and includes a synopsis of the order. A synopsis must include the names of the parties to the order; any rule, statute, or constitutional provision pertinent to the order; a summary of the facts, if included in the order, which are pertinent to the final disposition; and a summary of the final disposition.</p>

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<p>120.53(5) An agency which enters into a contract pursuant to the provisions of ss. 282.303-282.313, chapter 255, chapter 287, or chapters 334-349 shall adopt rules specifying procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract bidding process.</p>	<p>120.57(3) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO PROTESTS TO CONTRACT BIDDING OR AWARD.-- An agency which enters into a contract pursuant to the provisions of ss. 282.303-282.313, chapter 255, chapter 287, or chapters 334-349 shall adopt rules specifying procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract bidding process.</p>
<p>120.53(5) Such rules shall at least provide that:</p> <p>(a) The agency shall provide notice of its decision or intended decision concerning a bid solicitation or a contract award as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For a bid solicitation, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given by United States mail or by hand delivery. 2. For any decision of the Division of Purchasing of the Department of Management Services concerning a request by an agency for approval of an exceptional purchase under part I of chapter 287 and the rules of the Division of Purchasing, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given by posting such notice in the office of the Division of Purchasing. 3. For any other agency decision, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given either by posting the bid tabulation at the location where the bids were opened or by certified United States mail or other express delivery service, return receipt requested. 	<p>120.57(3) Such rules shall at least provide that:</p> <p>(a) The agency shall provide notice of its decision or intended decision concerning a bid solicitation or a contract award as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For a bid solicitation, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given by United States mail or by hand delivery. 2. For any decision of the Division of Purchasing of the Department of Management Services concerning a request by an agency for approval of an exceptional purchase under part I of chapter 287 and the rules of the Division of Purchasing, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given by posting such notice in the office of the Division of Purchasing. 3. For any other agency decision, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given either by posting the bid tabulation at the location where the bids were opened or by certified United States mail or other express delivery service, return receipt requested.
<p>120.53(5) The notice required by this paragraph shall contain the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in s. 120.53(5), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes."</p>	<p>120.57(3)(a) The notice required by this paragraph shall contain the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in s. 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes."</p>

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<p>120.53(5)(b) Any person who is affected adversely by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the bid tabulation or after receipt of the notice of the agency decision or intended decision and shall file a formal written protest within 10 days after the date he or she filed the notice of protest. With respect to a protest of the specifications contained in an invitation to bid or in a request for proposals, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the receipt of notice of the project plans and specifications or intended project plans and specifications in an invitation to bid or request for proposals, and the formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under this chapter. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.</p>	<p>120.57(3)(b) Any person who is adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the bid tabulation or after receipt of the notice of the agency decision or intended decision and shall file a formal written protest within 10 days after filing the notice of protest. With respect to a protest of the specifications contained in an invitation to bid or in a request for proposals, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the receipt of notice of the project plans and specifications or intended project plans and specifications in an invitation to bid or request for proposals, and the formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under this chapter. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.</p>
<p>120.53(5)(c) Upon receipt of the formal written protest which has been timely filed the agency shall stop the bid solicitation process or the contract award process until the subject of the protest is resolved by final agency action, unless the agency head sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the bid solicitation process or the contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.</p>	<p>120.57(3)(c) Upon receipt of the formal written protest which has been timely filed, the agency shall stop the bid solicitation process or the contract award process until the subject of the protest is resolved by final agency action, unless the agency head sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the bid solicitation process or the contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.</p>

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<p>120.53(5)(d) The agency, on its own initiative or upon the request of a protestor, shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of receipt of a formal written protest.</p> <p>1. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is no disputed issue of material fact, an informal proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to s. 120.57(2) and applicable agency rules before a person whose qualifications have been prescribed by rules of the agency.</p> <p>2. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is a disputed issue of material fact, the agency shall refer the protest to the division for proceedings under s. 120.57(1).</p>	<p>120.57(3)(d)l. The agency shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after receipt of a formal written protest.</p> <p>2. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is no disputed issue of material fact, an informal proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to subsection (2) and applicable agency rules before a person whose qualifications have been prescribed by rules of the agency.</p> <p>3. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is a disputed issue of material fact, the agency shall refer the protest to the division for proceedings under subsection (1).</p>
<p>120.53(5)(e) Upon receipt of a formal written protest referred pursuant to this subsection, the division director shall expedite the hearing and assign a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 15 days of the receipt of the formal written protest by the division and render a recommended order within 30 days after the hearing or within 30 days after receipt of the hearing transcript by the hearing officer, whichever is later. The provisions of this paragraph may be waived upon stipulation by all parties.</p>	<p>120.57(3)(e) Upon receipt of a formal written protest referred pursuant to this subsection, the director of the division shall expedite the hearing and assign an administrative law judge who shall commence a hearing within 30 days after the receipt of the formal written protest by the division and enter a recommended order within 30 days after the hearing or within 30 days after receipt of the hearing transcript or hearing videotape³ by the administrative law judge, whichever is later. Each party shall be allowed 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. A final order shall be entered by the agency within 30 days of the entry of a recommended order. The provisions of this paragraph may be waived upon stipulation by all parties.</p>

³ The words "or hearing videotape" were added to s. 120.53(5)(e) by Section 2 of Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, renumbered s. 120.53(5)(e) as s. 120.57(3)(e).

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<p>120.53(5)(f) The Administration Commission shall promulgate model rules of procedure pursuant to the provisions of s. 120.54(10) for the filing of notice of protests and formal written protests.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b)3. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing of notice of protests and formal written protests.</p>
<p>120.53(6) Each state agency, as defined in s. 216.011, shall adopt rules providing a procedure for conducting meetings, hearings, and workshops, and for taking evidence, testimony, and argument at such meetings, hearings, and workshops, by means of communications media technology. The rules shall provide that all evidence, testimony, and argument presented shall be afforded equal consideration, regardless of the method of communication. If a meeting, hearing, or workshop is to be conducted by means of communications media technology, or if attendance may be provided by such means, the notice shall so state. The notice for meetings, hearings, and workshops utilizing communications media technology shall state how persons interested in attending may do so and shall name locations, if any, where communications media technology facilities will be available.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b)2. Uniform rules for use by each state agency that provide procedures for conducting public meetings, hearings, and workshops, and for taking evidence, testimony, and argument at such public meetings, hearings, and workshops, in person and by means of communications media technology. The rules shall provide that all evidence, testimony, and argument presented shall be afforded equal consideration, regardless of the method of communication. If a public meeting, hearing, or workshop is to be conducted by means of communications media technology, or if attendance may be provided by such means, the notice shall so state. The notice for public meetings, hearings, and workshops utilizing communications media technology shall state how persons interested in attending may do so and shall name locations, if any, where communications media technology facilities will be available.</p>
<p>120.53(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to diminish the right to inspect public records under chapter 119. Limiting points of access to meetings, hearings, and workshops subject to the provisions of s. 286.011 to places not normally open to the public shall be presumed to violate the right of access of the public; and any official action taken under such circumstances is void and of no effect. Other laws relating to public meetings, hearings, and workshops, including penal and remedial provisions, shall apply to meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted by means of communications media technology and shall be liberally construed in their application to such meetings, hearings, and workshops.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b)2. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to diminish the right to inspect public records under chapter 119. Limiting points of access to public meetings, hearings, and workshops subject to the provisions of s. 286.011 to places not normally open to the public shall be presumed to violate the right of access of the public, and any official action taken under such circumstances is void and of no effect. Other laws relating to public meetings, hearings, and workshops, including penal and remedial provisions, shall apply to public meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted by means of communications media technology, and shall be liberally construed in their application to such public meetings, hearings, and workshops.</p>

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<p>120.532 Agency orders and indexes, preservation.-- Agency orders that must be indexed or listed pursuant to s. 120.53 are documents of continuing legal value and must be permanently preserved and made available to the public. Each agency to which this chapter applies shall provide, under the direction of the Department of State, for the preservation of orders as required by this chapter and for maintaining an index to those orders.</p>	<p>120.53(3) Agency orders that must be indexed or listed are documents of continuing legal value and must be permanently preserved and made available to the public. Each agency to which this chapter applies shall provide, under the direction of the Department of State, for the preservation of orders as required by this chapter and for maintaining an index to those orders.</p>
<p>120.533 Indexing and availability of agency orders.-- (1) Beginning July 1, 1992, the Department of State shall: (a) Administer the coordination of the indexing, management, preservation, and availability of agency orders that must be indexed or listed pursuant to s. 120.53(2).</p>	<p>120.533 Coordination of indexing by Department of State.-- The Department of State shall: (1) Administer the coordination of the indexing, management, preservation, and availability of agency orders that must be indexed or listed pursuant to s. 120.53(1).</p>
<p>120.533(1)(b) Provide, by rule, guidelines for the indexing of agency orders. More than one system for indexing may be approved by the Department of State, including systems or methods in use, or proposed for use, by an agency. More than one system may be approved for use by a single agency as best serves the needs of that agency and the public.</p>	<p>120.533(2) Provide, by rule, guidelines for the indexing of agency orders. More than one system for indexing may be approved by the Department of State, including systems or methods in use, or proposed for use, by an agency. More than one system may be approved for use by a single agency as best serves the needs of that agency and the public.</p>
<p>120.533(1)(c) Provide, by rule, for storage and retrieval systems to be maintained by agencies for indexing, and making available, agency orders by subject matter. The Department of State may approve more than one system, including systems in use, or proposed for use, by an agency. Storage and retrieval systems that may be used by an agency include, without limitation, a designated reporter or reporters, a microfilming system, and an automated system or any other system considered appropriate by the Department of State.</p>	<p>120.533(3) Provide, by rule, for storage and retrieval systems to be maintained by agencies for indexing, and making available, agency orders by subject matter. The Department of State may approve more than one system, including systems in use, or proposed for use, by an agency. Storage and retrieval systems that may be used by an agency include, without limitation, a designated reporter or reporters, a microfilming system, an automated system, or any other system considered appropriate by the Department of State.</p>
<p>120.533(1)(d) Determine which final orders must be indexed for each agency, including all final orders that are not excluded from indexing requirements by the Department of State pursuant to s. 120.53(2)(c) and (d).</p>	<p>120.533(4) Determine which final orders must be indexed for each agency.</p>

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<p>120.533(1)(e) Require each agency, before adopting proposed rules, to report to the department concerning which types or categories of agency orders establish precedent for each agency. Each final order that establishes precedent for an agency and that has not been approved by the department for exclusion pursuant to s. 120.53(2)(c) and (d) must be indexed.</p>	<p>120.533(5) Require each agency to report to the department concerning which types or categories of agency orders establish precedent for each agency.</p>
<p>120.533(1)(f) Require each agency to provide by rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedures for indexing all final orders that are required to be indexed by s. 120.53(2); 2. A procedure for sequentially numbering agency orders; and 3. Procedures for permanently preserving agency orders required to be indexed and for making such orders available to the public. <p>Means of preservation and public availability may include, but are not limited to, publication of agency orders in an official reporter.</p>	
<p>120.533(1)(g) Develop, monitor, and ensure compliance with procedures and standards established for the indexing, management, preservation, and availability of agency orders.</p>	
<p>120.533(1)(h) Coordinate and provide for a training program designed to serve the technical and managerial needs of agencies in indexing, managing, preserving, and making agency orders available to the public.</p>	
<p>120.533(1)(i) Provide technical and managerial assistance relating to agency orders upon request by an agency.</p>	
<p>120.533(1)(j) Adopt rules to administer its duties under this act.</p>	

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<p>120.533(2) The Department of State may procure assistance and information necessary to administer its duties under this act from any officer or agency of the state. Such officers and agencies shall give the department all relevant information and reasonable assistance on any matters concerning the indexing and public inspection of agency orders.</p>	
<p>120.535 Rulemaking required.-- (1) Rulemaking is not a matter of agency discretion. Each agency statement defined as a rule under s. 120.52(16) shall be adopted by the rulemaking procedure provided by s. 120.54 as soon as feasible and practicable.</p>	<p>120.54 Rulemaking.-- (1) GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL RULES OTHER THAN EMERGENCY RULES.-- (a) Rulemaking is not a matter of agency discretion. Each agency statement defined as a rule by s. 120.52 shall be adopted by the rulemaking procedure provided by this section as soon as feasible and practicable.</p>
<p>120.535(1)Rulemaking shall be presumed feasible and practicable to the extent provided by this subsection unless one of the factors provided by this subsection is applicable.</p>	
<p>120.535(1)(a) Rulemaking shall be presumed feasible unless the agency proves that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The agency has not had sufficient time to acquire the knowledge and experience reasonably necessary to address a statement by rulemaking; or 2. Related matters are not sufficiently resolved to enable the agency to address a statement by rulemaking; or 3. The agency is currently using the rulemaking procedure expeditiously and in good faith to adopt rules which address the statement. 	<p>120.54(1)(a)1. Rulemaking shall be presumed feasible unless the agency proves that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The agency has not had sufficient time to acquire the knowledge and experience reasonably necessary to address a statement by rulemaking; b. Related matters are not sufficiently resolved to enable the agency to address a statement by rulemaking; or c. The agency is currently using the rulemaking procedure expeditiously and in good faith to adopt rules which address the statement.

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<p>120.535(1)(b) Rulemaking shall be presumed practicable to the extent necessary to provide fair notice to affected persons of relevant agency procedures and applicable principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions unless the agency proves that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detail or precision in the establishment of principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions is not reasonable under the circumstances; or 2. The particular questions addressed are of such a narrow scope that more specific resolution of the matter is impractical outside of an adjudication to determine the substantial interests of a party based on individual circumstances. 	<p>120.54(1)(a) 2. Rulemaking shall be presumed practicable to the extent necessary to provide fair notice to affected persons of relevant agency procedures and applicable principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions unless the agency proves that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail or precision in the establishment of principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions is not reasonable under the circumstances; or b. The particular questions addressed are of such a narrow scope that more specific resolution of the matter is impractical outside of an adjudication to determine the substantial interests of a party based on individual circumstances.
<p>120.535(2)(a) Any person substantially affected by an agency statement may seek an administrative determination that the statement violates subsection (1). A petition for an administrative determination of an agency statement shall be in writing and shall state with particularity facts sufficient to show:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the person is substantially affected by the statement. 2. That the statement constitutes a rule under s. 120.52(16), in which case the petition shall include the text of the statement or a description of the statement. 3. That the agency has not adopted the statement by the rulemaking procedure provided in s. 120.54. 	<p>120.56(4) CHALLENGING AGENCY STATEMENTS DEFINED AS RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.--</p> <p>(a) Any person substantially affected by an agency statement may seek an administrative determination that the statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a). The petition shall include the text of the statement or a description of the statement and shall state with particularity facts sufficient to show that the statement constitutes a rule under s. 120.52 and that the agency has not adopted the statement by the rulemaking procedure provided by s. 120.54.</p>
<p>120.535(2)(b) The petition shall be filed with the division which shall, immediately upon receipt, forward copies to the agency whose statement is challenged, to the Department of State, and to the committee.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(c) The petition shall be filed with the division which shall, immediately upon filing, forward copies to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>
<p>120.535(2)(b) The Department of State shall publish notice of a petition which shall include the text or a description of each statement challenged in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly pursuant to s. 120.55(1)(b).</p>	

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<p>120.535(2)(b) Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with the above requirements, assign a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(c) Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of paragraph (b), assign an administrative law judge who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties or for good cause shown.</p>
<p>120.535(2)(b) The hearing officer may extend the hearing date for good cause. If a hearing is held and the petitioner proves the allegations of the petition, the agency shall have the burden of proving that rulemaking is not feasible and practicable under subsection (1).</p>	<p>120.56(4)(b) The administrative law judge may extend the hearing date beyond 30 days after assignment of the case for good cause. If a hearing is held and the petitioner proves the allegations of the petition, the agency shall have the burden of proving that rulemaking is not feasible and practicable under s. 120.54(1)(a).</p>
<p>120.535(3) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons for the decision in writing.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the administrative law judge shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit copies of the administrative law judge's decision to the agency, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>
<p>120.535(3) The hearing officer may determine whether all or part of a statement violates subsection (1). The decision of the hearing officer shall constitute a final order. The division shall transmit a copy of the final order to the Department of State and the committee. The Department of State shall publish notice of the final order in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.56(4)(c) The administrative law judge may determine whether all or part of a statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a). The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute a final order. The division shall transmit a copy of the final order to the Department of State and the committee. The Department of State shall publish notice of the final order in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.535(4) When a hearing officer determines that all or part of an agency statement violates subsection (1), the agency shall immediately discontinue all reliance upon the statement or any substantially similar statement as a basis for agency action.</p>	<p>120.56(4)(d) When an administrative law judge enters a final order that all or part of an agency statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a), the agency shall immediately discontinue all reliance upon the statement or any substantially similar statement as a basis for agency action.</p>

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<p>120.535(5) Subsequent to a determination that an agency statement violates subsection (1), if an agency publishes, pursuant to s. 120.54(1), proposed rules which address the statement and proceeds expeditiously and in good faith to adopt rules which address the statement, the agency shall be permitted to rely upon the statement or a substantially similar statement as a basis for agency action. If an agency fails to adopt rules which address the statement within 180 days of publishing proposed rules, for purposes of this subsection, a presumption is created that the agency is not acting expeditiously and in good faith to adopt rules. If the agency's proposed rules are challenged pursuant to s. 120.54(4), the 180-day period for adoption of rules is tolled until a final order is entered in that proceeding.</p>	<p>120.56(4)(e) Prior to entry of a final order that all or part of an agency statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a), if an agency publishes, pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a), proposed rules which address the statement and proceeds expeditiously and in good faith to adopt rules which address the statement, the agency shall be permitted to rely upon the statement or a substantially similar statement as a basis for agency action if the statement meets the requirements of s. 120.57(1)(e). If an agency fails to adopt rules which address the statement within 180 days after publishing proposed rules, for purposes of this subsection, a presumption is created that the agency is not acting expeditiously and in good faith to adopt rules. If the agency's proposed rules are challenged pursuant to subsection (2), the 180-day period for adoption of rules is tolled until a final order is entered in that proceeding.</p>
<p>120.535(6) Subsequent to a determination that an agency statement violates subsection (1), if an agency relies upon the statement or any substantially similar statement as the basis for agency action, and the substantial interests of a person are determined by the agency action, that person is entitled to payment by the agency of reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred by the person, if the person successfully demonstrates that the agency is not permitted to rely upon the statement as a basis for agency action under subsection (4) or subsection (5). If an agency publishes proposed rules and proceeds expeditiously and in good faith to adopt such rules under subsection (5), the agency shall not be required to pay costs and attorney's fees pursuant to this subsection. An action to recover costs and attorney's fees may be brought pursuant to s. 120.57(1) or this section.</p>	<p>120.595(4) CHALLENGES TO AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO S. 120.56(4).-- (a) Upon entry of a final order that all or part of an agency statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a), the administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the petitioner.</p>
<p>120.535(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 284, an award shall be paid from the budget entity of the secretary, executive director, or equivalent administrative officer of the agency, and the agency shall not be entitled to payment of an award or reimbursement for payment of an award under any provision of law.</p>	<p>120.595(4)(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 284, an award shall be paid from the budget entity of the secretary, executive director, or equivalent administrative officer of the agency, and the agency shall not be entitled to payment of an award or reimbursement for payment of an award under any provision of law.</p>

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<p>120.535(7) Hearings held under this section shall be conducted in the same manner as provided in s. 120.57, except that the hearing officer's order shall be final agency action.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(e) Hearings held under this section shall be conducted in the same manner as provided by ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the administrative law judge's order shall be final agency action.</p>
<p>120.535(8) All proceedings to determine a violation of subsection (1) shall be brought pursuant to this section. A proceeding pursuant to this section may be brought in conjunction with a proceeding under any other section of this chapter, or consolidated with such a proceeding.</p>	<p>120.56(4)(f) All proceedings to determine a violation of s. 120.54(1)(a) shall be brought pursuant to this subsection. A proceeding pursuant to this subsection may be brought in conjunction with a proceeding under any other section of this chapter, or consolidated with such a proceeding. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent a party whose substantial interests have been determined by an agency action from bringing a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1)(e).</p>
<p>120.535(9) Prisoners as defined in s. 944.02(5) are not eligible to seek an administrative determination of an agency statement under this section.</p>	<p>120.81(3)(a) Prisoners are not eligible to seek an administrative determination of an agency statement under s. 120.56(4).</p>
<p>120.535(10) Agency statements that relate to cost-recovery clauses, factors, or mechanisms implemented pursuant to chapter 366 are exempt from the requirements of this section.</p>	<p>120.80(13) FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.-- (a) Agency statements that relate to cost-recovery clauses, factors, or mechanisms implemented pursuant to chapter 366, relating to public utilities, are exempt from the provisions of s. 120.54(1)(a).</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p style="text-align: center;">120.54 Rulemaking; adoption procedures.--</p> <p>(1) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule not described in subsection (9), an agency shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short and plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, and the specific legal authority under which its adoption is authorized.</p>	<p>120.54(3) ADOPTION PROCEDURES.- (a) Notices.--</p> <p>1. Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency, upon approval of the agency head, shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the full text of the proposal rule or amendment and a summary thereof, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the agency's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in s. 120.541(2), and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the agency with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by s. 120.541(l), must do so in writing within 21 days of the notice. The notice must state the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule.</p>
<p>120.54(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the notice shall be mailed to the committee, to all persons named in the proposed rule, and to all persons who have made requests of the agency for advance notice of its proceedings at least 14 days prior to such mailing. The agency shall also give such notice as is prescribed by rule to those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(a)3. The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least 14 days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the agency for advance notice of its proceedings. The agency shall also give such notice as is prescribed by rule to those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed.</p>

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<p>120.54(1)(a) Notice of intent by an educational unit to adopt, amend, or repeal any rule not described in subsection (9) shall be made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area; 2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to organizations representing persons affected by the proposed rule; and 3. By posting in appropriate places so that those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed may be duly notified. <p>Such publication, mailing, and posting of notice shall occur at least 21 days prior to the intended action.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(a), notice of intent by an educational unit to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule or notice by an educational unit of a petition for a declaratory statement need not be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly or transmitted to the committee; however, the notice, for other than an emergency rule, shall be made at least 21 days prior to the intended action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area; 2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to organizations representing persons affected by the proposed rule; and 3. By posting in appropriate places so that those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed may be duly notified.
<p>120.54(1)(b) The notice shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly not less than 28 days prior to the intended action, except that notice of actions proposed by educational units or units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or a part thereof need not be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly or transmitted to the committee.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(a)2. The notice shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly not less than 28 days prior to the intended action.</p> <p>120.81(2)(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(a), notice of intent by a unit of government with jurisdiction in only one county to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule need not be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly or transmitted to the committee.</p>
<p>120.54(1)(b) The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(a)2. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(1)(c) Prior to providing notice of a proposed rule as required by paragraphs (a) and (b), an agency may provide notice of the development of proposed rules by publication of a notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Notice of rule development shall indicate the subject area which will be addressed by rule development, provide a short plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the rule development, the specific legal authority for rule development, and the preliminary text of proposed rules if available.</p>	<p>120.54(2) RULE DEVELOPMENT; WORKSHOPS; NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING.--</p> <p>(a) Agencies shall provide notice of the development of proposed rules by publication of a notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Weekly before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by paragraph (3)(a). The notice of rule development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the rule development, cite the specific legal authority for rule development, and include the preliminary text of the proposed rules, if available.</p>
<p>120.54(1)(d) An agency may hold a public workshop for purposes of rule development. If an agency provides notice of rule development under paragraph (c), the agency shall hold a public workshop for purposes of rule development if requested by any affected person. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.53(1)(d) or any other provision of law, notice of a rule development workshop shall be by publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly not less than 14 days prior to the date on which the workshop is scheduled to be held and shall indicate the subject area which will be addressed, the agency contact person, and the place, date, and time of the workshop.</p>	<p>120.54(2)(c) An agency may hold public workshops for purposes of rule development. An agency must hold public workshops, including workshops in various regions of the state, for purposes of rule development if requested in writing by any affected person, unless the agency head explains in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The explanation is not final agency action subject to review pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. The failure to provide the explanation when required may be a material error in procedure pursuant to s. 120.56(1)(c). When a workshop or public hearing is held, the agency must ensure that the persons responsible for preparing the proposed rule are available to explain the agency's proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule being developed. The workshop may be facilitated or mediated by a neutral third person, or the agency may employ other types of dispute resolution alternatives for the workshop that are appropriate for rule development. Notice of a rule development workshop shall be by publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly not less than 14 days prior to the date on which the workshop is scheduled to be held and shall indicate the subject area which will be addressed, the agency contact person, and the place, date, and time of the workshop.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(1)(e) If an agency provides notice of rule development under paragraph (c), and an economic impact statement is prepared pursuant to paragraph (2)(b), prior to notice of proposed rules under paragraphs (a) and (b), the agency shall make a draft copy of the economic impact statement available to any person who requests a copy of the statement.</p>	
<p>120.54(2)(a) Each agency, prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, shall consider the impact of such proposed action on small business as defined in s. 288.703 and, whenever possible, shall tier such rule to reduce disproportionate impacts on small business and to avoid regulating businesses which do not contribute significantly to the problem the rule is designed to regulate. An agency may define "small business" to include more than 50 persons if it finds that such a definition is necessary to adapt any rule to the needs and problems of small business.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(b)2. Small businesses, small counties, and small cities.--</p> <p>a. Each agency, before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, shall consider the impact of the rule on small businesses as defined by s. 288.703 and the impact of the rule on small counties or small cities as defined by s. 120.52. Whenever practicable, an agency shall tier its rules to reduce disproportionate impacts on small businesses, small counties or small cities to avoid regulating small businesses, small counties, or small cities that do not contribute significantly to the problem the rule is designed to address. An agency may define "small business" to include businesses employing more than 100 persons, may define "small county" to include those with populations of more than 75,000, and may define "small city" to include those with populations of more than 10,000, if it finds that such a definition is necessary to adapt a rule to the needs and problems of small businesses, small counties, or small cities.</p>

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<p>120.54(2)(a) The agency shall consider each of the following methods for reducing the impact of the proposed rule on small business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rule for small business. 2. Establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rule for compliance or reporting requirements for small business. 3. Consolidating or simplifying the rule's compliance or reporting requirements for small business. 4. Establishing performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rule for small business. 5. Exempting small business from any or all requirements of the rule. 	<p>120.54(3)(b)2.a. The agency shall consider each of the following methods for reducing the impact of the proposed rule on small businesses, small counties, and small cities, or any combination of these entities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rule. (II) Establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rule for compliance or reporting requirements. (III) Consolidating or simplifying the rule's compliance or reporting requirements. (IV) Establishing performance standards or best-management practices to replace design or operational standards in the rule. (V) Exempting small businesses, small counties, or small cities from any or all requirements of the rule.
<p>120.54(2)(b) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule not described in subsection (9), an agency may provide information on its proposed action by preparing an economic impact statement, and must prepare an economic impact statement if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The agency determines that the proposed action would result in a substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries, or state or local government agencies, or would result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or international trade, and alternative approaches to the regulatory objective exist and are not precluded by law; or 2. Within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice provided pursuant to paragraph (1)(c) or, if no notice of rule development is provided, within 21 days after the notice required by paragraphs (1)(a) and (b), a written request for preparation of an economic impact statement is filed with the appropriate agency by the Governor, a body corporate and politic, at least 100 people signing a request, or an organization representing at least 100 persons, or any domestic nonprofit corporation or association. 	<p>120.54(3)(b) Special matters to be considered in rule adoption.--</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement of estimated regulatory costs.--Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency is encouraged to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs of the proposed rule, as provided by s. 120.541.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(2)(b) An agency's determination regarding preparation of an economic impact statement pursuant to subparagraph 1. shall not be subject to challenge. If an economic impact statement is prepared pursuant to this paragraph, at least 14 days prior to any public hearing on a proposed rule held pursuant to subsection (3), the agency shall make a draft copy of the economic impact statement available to any person who requests a copy of the statement.</p>	<p>120.541(1)(b) Upon the submission of the lower cost regulatory alternative, the agency shall prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs as provided in subsection (2), or shall revise its prior statement of estimated regulatory costs, and either adopt the alternative or give a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule. The failure of the agency to prepare or revise the statement of estimated regulatory costs as provided in this paragraph is a material failure to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter. An agency required to prepare or revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs as provided in this paragraph shall make it available to the person who submits the lower cost regulatory alternative and to the public prior to filing the rule for adoption.</p>
<p>120.54(2)(c) The economic impact statement must include:</p>	<p>120.541(2) A statement of estimated regulatory costs shall include:</p>
<p>120.54(2)(c)1. An estimate of the cost to the agency, and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues;</p>	<p>120.541(2)(b) A good faith estimate of the cost to the agency, and to any other state and local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues.</p>

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<p>120.54(2)(c)2. An estimate of the cost or the economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action;</p>	<p>120.541(2)(a) A good faith estimate of the number of individuals and entities likely to be required to comply with the rule, together with a general description of the types of individuals likely to be affected by the rule.</p> <p>120.541(2)(c) A good faith estimate of the transactional costs likely to be incurred by individuals and entities, including local government entities, required to comply with the requirements of the rule. As used in this paragraph, "transactional costs" are direct costs that are readily ascertainable based upon standard business practices, and include filing fees, the cost of obtaining a license, the cost of equipment required to be installed or used or procedures required to be employed in complying with the rule, additional operating costs incurred, and the cost of monitoring and reporting.</p>
<p>120.54(2)(c)3. An estimate of the impact of the proposed action on competition and the open market for employment, if applicable;</p>	
<p>120.54(2)(c)4. An analysis of the impact on small business as defined in the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act of 1985;</p>	<p>120.541(2)(d) An analysis of the impact on small business as defined by s. 288.703, and an analysis of the impact on small counties and small cities as defined by s. 120.52.</p>
<p>120.54(2)(c)5. A comparison of the probable costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the rule;</p>	
<p>120.54(2)(c)6. A determination of whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law;</p>	<p>120.541(2)(f) In the statement or revised statement, whichever applies, a description of any good faith written proposal submitted under paragraph (1)(a) and either a statement adopting the alternative or a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule.</p>

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<p>120.54(2)(c)7. A description of any reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule which were considered by the agency, and a statement of the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule; and</p>	<p>120.541(2)(f) In the statement or revised statement, whichever applies, a description of any good faith written proposal submitted under paragraph (1)(a) and either a statement adopting the alternative or a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule.</p>
<p>120.54(2)(c) 8. A detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making the estimates required by this paragraph.</p>	
<p>120.54(2)(d) No rule shall be declared invalid based on a challenge to the economic impact statement for the rule unless the issue is raised in an administrative proceeding within 1 year of the effective date of the rule to which the statement applies. No person shall have standing to challenge an agency rule, based upon an economic impact statement or lack thereof, unless that person requested preparation of an economic impact statement under subparagraph (b)2. and provided the agency with information sufficient to make the agency aware of specific concerns regarding the economic impact of the proposed rule, by either participation in a public workshop, public hearing, or by submission of written comments, regarding the rule. The grounds for invalidation of a rule based upon a challenge to the economic impact statement for the rule are limited to an agency's failure to adhere to the procedure for preparation of an economic impact statement provided by this section, or an agency's failure to consider information submitted to the agency regarding specific concerns about the economic impact of a proposed rule when such failure substantially impairs the fairness of the rulemaking proceeding.</p>	<p>120.541(1)(c) No rule shall be declared invalid because it imposes excessive regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives, and no rule shall be declared invalid based upon a challenge to the agency's statement of estimated regulatory costs, unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The issue is raised in an administrative proceeding within 1 year of the effective date of the rule; and 2. The substantial interests of the person challenging the agency's rejection of, or failure to consider, the lower cost regulatory alternative are materially affected by the rejection; and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.a. The agency has failed to prepare or revise the statement of estimated regulatory costs as required by paragraph (b); or b. The challenge is to the agency's rejection under paragraph (b) of a lower cost regulatory alternative submitted under paragraph (a).

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(3)(a) If the intended action concerns any rule other than one relating exclusively to organization, procedure, or practice, the agency shall, on the request of any affected person received within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice, give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on all issues under consideration appropriate to inform it of their contentions.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(c) Hearings.-- 1. If the intended action concerns any rule other than one relating exclusively to procedure or practice, the agency shall, on the request of any affected person received within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice of intended agency action, give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on all issues under consideration.</p>
<p>120.54(3)(a) Prisoners, as defined in s. 944.02(5), may be limited by the Department of Corrections to an opportunity to submit written statements concerning intended action on any department rule.</p>	<p>120.81(3)(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(c), prisoners, as defined by s. 944.02(5), may be limited by the Department of Corrections to an opportunity to present evidence and argument on issues under consideration by submission of written statements concerning intended action on any department rule.</p>

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<p>120.54(3)(a) The agency may schedule a public hearing on the rule and, if requested by any affected person, shall schedule a public hearing on the rule. Any material pertinent to the issues under consideration submitted to the agency within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice or submitted at a public hearing shall be considered by the agency and made a part of the record of the rulemaking proceeding.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(c)1. The agency may schedule a public hearing on the rule and, if requested by any affected person, shall schedule a public hearing on the rule. Any material pertinent to the issues under consideration submitted to the agency within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice or submitted at a public hearing shall be considered by the agency and made a part of the record of the rulemaking proceeding.</p>
<p>120.54(3)(b) If the agency determines that the proposed action will affect small business as defined by the agency as provided in paragraph (2)(a), the agency shall send written notice of such rule to the Small and Minority Business Advocate, the Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Office, and the Division of Economic Development of the Department of Commerce not less than 21 days prior to the intended action.</p> <p>1. Within the 21-day period after written notice has been sent and the day on which the intended action is to take place, the agency shall give the Small and Minority Business Advocate, the Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Office, and the Division of Economic Development of the Department of Commerce an opportunity to present evidence and argument and to offer alternatives regarding the impact of the rule on small business.</p> <p>2. Each agency shall adopt those alternatives offered pursuant to this subsection which it finds are feasible and consistent with the stated objectives of the proposed rule and which would reduce the impact on small business.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(b)2.b.(I) If the agency determines that the proposed action will affect small businesses as defined by the agency as provided in sub-subparagraph a., the agency shall send written notice of the rule to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development⁴ not less than 21 days prior to the intended action.</p> <p>(II) Each agency shall adopt those regulatory alternatives offered by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development⁵ which it finds are feasible and consistent with the stated objectives of the proposed rule and which would reduce the impact on small businesses.</p>

⁴ Section 6. of CS for CS for SB958, Chapter 96-320, Laws of Florida, amended the first sentence of 120.54(3)(b) to make this reference to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, renumbered the first sentence of s. 120.54(3)(b) as 120.54(3)(b)2.b.(I). The preceding reference to "paragraph (2)(a)" in 96-320 was also changed here to "sub-subparagraph a." to reflect the new numbering of 96-159.

⁵ Section 6. of CS for CS for SB958, Chapter 96-320, Laws of Florida, amended s. 120.54(3)(b) to refer to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, rewrote s. 120.54(3)(b) as 120.54(3)(b)2.b.

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<p>120.54(3)(b)3. If an agency does not adopt all alternatives offered pursuant to this subsection, it shall, prior to rule adoption or amendment and pursuant to subsection (11), file a detailed written statement with the committee explaining the reasons for failure to adopt such alternatives. Within 3 working days of the filing of such notice, the agency shall send a copy of such notice to the Small and Minority Business Advocate, the Minority Business Enterprise Assistance Office, and the Division of Economic Development of the Department of Commerce.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(b)2.b.(III) If an agency does not adopt all alternatives offered pursuant to this sub-subparagraph, it shall, prior to rule adoption or amendment and pursuant to subparagraph (d)l., file a detailed written statement with the committee explaining the reasons for failure to adopt such alternatives. Within 3 working days of the filing of such notice, the agency shall send a copy of such notice to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.⁶</p>
<p>120.54(4)(a) Any substantially affected person may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of any proposed rule on the ground that the proposed rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.</p>	<p>120.56 Challenges to rules.-- (1) GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF A RULE OR A PROPOSED RULE.-- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule or a proposed rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.</p>

⁶ Section 6. of CS for CS for SB958, Chapter 96-320, Laws of Florida, amended s. 120.54(3)(b)3. to make this reference to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, renumbered s. 120.54(3)(b)3. as 120.54(3)(b)2.b.(III).

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<p>120.54(4)(b) The request seeking a determination under this subsection shall be in writing and must be filed with the division within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice. It must state with particularity the provisions of the rule or economic impact statement alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging the proposed rule would be substantially affected by it.</p>	<p>120.56(2) CHALLENGING PROPOSED RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.--</p> <p>(a) Any substantially affected person may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of any proposed rule by filing a petition seeking such a determination with the division within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(a), within 10 days after the final public hearing is held on the proposed rule as provided by s. 120.54(3)(c), within 20 days after the preparation of a statement of estimated regulatory costs required pursuant to s. 120.541, if applicable, or within 20 days after the date of publication of the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(d). The petition shall state with particularity the objections to the proposed rule and the reasons that the proposed rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority. The agency then has the burden to prove that the proposed rule is not an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised. Any person who is substantially affected by a change in the proposed rule may seek a determination of the validity of such change. Any person not substantially affected by the proposed rule as initially noticed, but who is substantially affected by the rule as a result of a change, may challenge any provision of the rule and is not limited to challenging the change to the proposed rule.</p> <p>120.56(1)(b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it, or that the person challenging a proposed rule would be substantially affected by it.</p>
<p>120.54(4)(c) Immediately upon receipt of the petition, the division shall forward copies of the petition to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(c) The petition shall be filed with the division which shall, immediately upon filing, forward copies to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>

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<p>120.54(4)(c) Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director, if he or she determines that the petition complies with the above requirements, shall assign a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(c) Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of paragraph (b), assign an administrative law judge who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties or for good cause shown.</p>
<p>120.54(4)(c) Within 30 days after conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall render his decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit copies of the hearing officer's decision to the Department of State and to the committee.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the administrative law judge shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit copies of the administrative law judge's decision to the agency, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>
<p>120.54(4)(c) The hearing officer may declare the proposed rule wholly or partly invalid. The proposed rule or provision of a proposed rule declared invalid shall be withdrawn from the committee by the adopting agency and shall not be adopted.</p>	<p>120.56(2)(b) The administrative law judge may declare the proposed rule wholly or partly invalid. The proposed rule or provision of a proposed rule declared invalid shall be withdrawn by the adopting agency and shall not be adopted.</p>
<p>120.54(4)(c) No rule shall be filed for adoption until 28 days after the notice required by subsection (1) or until the hearing officer has rendered a decision, as the case may be. However, the agency may proceed with all other steps in the rulemaking process, including the holding of a fact-finding hearing pursuant to subsection (3). In the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the adopting agency may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. The agency whose proposed rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.56(2)(b) No rule shall be filed for adoption until 28 days after the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(a), until 21 days after the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(d), until 14 days after the public hearing, until 21 days after preparation of a statement of estimated regulatory costs required pursuant to s. 120.541, or until the administrative law judge has rendered a decision, whichever applies. However, the agency may proceed with all other steps in the rulemaking process, including the holding of a factfinding hearing. In the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the adopting agency may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. The agency whose proposed rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.54(4)(d) Hearings held under this provision shall be conducted in the same manner as provided in s. 120.57 except that the hearing officer's order shall be final agency action.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(e) Hearings held under this section shall be conducted in the same manner as provided by ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the administrative law judge's order shall be final agency action.</p>

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<p>120.54(4)(d) The agency proposing the rule and the person requesting the hearing shall be adversary parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceeding as parties or intervenors on appropriate terms which will not substantially delay the proceedings. Failure to proceed under this subsection shall not constitute failure to exhaust administrative remedies.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(e) The petitioner and the agency whose rule is challenged shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings. Failure to proceed under this section shall not constitute failure to exhaust administrative remedies.</p>
<p>120.54(5) Any person regulated by an agency or having a substantial interest in an agency rule may petition an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule or to provide the minimum public information required by s. 120.53. The petition shall specify the proposed rule and action requested. Not later than 30 calendar days after the date of filing a petition, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings under this act, otherwise comply with the requested action, or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.</p>	<p>120.54(7) PETITION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING.-- (a) Any person regulated by an agency or having substantial interest in an agency rule may petition an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule or to provide the minimum public information required by this chapter. The petition shall specify the proposed rule and action requested. Not later than 30 calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings under this chapter, otherwise comply with the requested action, or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.</p>
<p>120.54(6) In rulemaking proceedings, the agency may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed, and it may provide that materials so recognized be incorporated into the record of the proceeding. Before the record of any proceeding is completed, all parties shall be provided a list of such materials and given a reasonable opportunity to examine them and offer written comments thereon or written rebuttal thereto.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(h) In rulemaking proceedings, the agency may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed, and it may provide that materials so recognized be incorporated into the record of the proceeding. Before the record of any proceeding is completed, all parties shall be provided a list of these materials and given a reasonable opportunity to examine them and offer written comments or written rebuttal.</p>

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<p>120.54(7) Each rule adopted shall be accompanied by a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule was adopted and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented, interpreted, or made specific.</p>	<p>120.54(3) ADOPTION PROCEDURES.- (a) Notices.-- 1. Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency, upon approval of the agency head, shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the full text of the proposal rule or amendment and a summary thereof, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the agency's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in s. 120.541(2), and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the agency with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by s. 120.541(l), must do so in writing within 21 days of the notice. The notice must state the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule.</p>
<p>120.54(8) Each rule adopted shall contain only one subject and shall be preceded by a concise statement of the purpose of the rule and reference to the rules repealed or amended, which statement need not be printed in the Florida Administrative Code.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(g) Each rule adopted shall contain only one subject.</p>
<p>120.54(8) Pursuant to rule of the Department of State, a rule may incorporate material by reference but only as such material exists on the date the rule is adopted. For purposes of such rule, changes in such material shall have no effect with respect to the rule unless the rule is amended to incorporate such material as changed. No rule shall be amended by reference only. Amendments shall set out the amended rule in full in the same manner as required by the constitution for laws.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(i) A rule may incorporate material by reference but only as the material exists on the date the rule is adopted. For purposes of the rule, changes in the material are not effective unless the rule is amended to incorporate the changes. No rule may be amended by reference only. Amendments must set out the amended rule in full in the same manner as required by the State Constitution for laws.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(9)(a) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, the agency may adopt any rule necessitated by the immediate danger by any procedure which is fair under the circumstances and necessary to protect the public interest, provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the Florida Constitution, or the United States Constitution. 2. The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure. 3. The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. In any event, notice of emergency rules, other than those of educational units or units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or a part thereof, including the full text of the rules, shall be published in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly and provided to the committee. The agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable. 	<p>120.54(4) EMERGENCY RULES.-- (a) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, the agency may adopt any rule necessitated by the immediate danger. The agency may adopt any procedure which is fair under the circumstances if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution. 2. The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure. 3. The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. In any event, notice of emergency rules, other than those of educational units or units of government with jurisdiction in only one or a part of one county, including the full text of the rules, shall be published in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly and provided to the committee. The agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable.
<p>120.54(9)(b) Rules pertaining to the public health, safety, or welfare shall include, but not be limited to, those rules pertaining to perishable agricultural commodities.</p>	<p>120.54(4)(b) Rules pertaining to the public health, safety, or welfare shall include rules pertaining to perishable agricultural commodities.</p>
<p>120.54(9)(c) An emergency rule adopted under this subsection may not be effective for a period longer than 90 days and shall not be renewable, except during the pendency of a challenge to proposed rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule. However, the agency may take identical action by normal rulemaking procedures.</p>	<p>120.54(4)(c) An emergency rule adopted under this subsection shall not be effective for a period longer than 90 days and shall not be renewable, except during the pendency of a challenge to proposed rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule. However, the agency may take identical action by the rulemaking procedures specified in this chapter.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(9)(d) Subject to applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, an emergency rule becomes effective immediately on filing, or at a date less than 20 days thereafter if specified in the rule, if the adopting agency finds that such effective date is necessary because of an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.</p>	<p>120.54(4)(d) Subject to applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, an emergency rule becomes effective immediately on filing, or on a date less than 20 days thereafter if specified in the rule, if the adopting agency finds that such effective date is necessary because of immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.</p>
<p>120.54(10) The Administration Commission shall promulgate one or more sets of model rules of procedure which shall be reviewed by the committee and filed with the Department of State. On filing with the department, the appropriate model rules shall be the rules of procedure for each agency subject to this act to the extent that each agency does not adopt a specific rule of procedure covering the subject matter contained in the model rules applicable to that agency.</p>	<p>120.54(5) UNIFORM RULES.-- (a)l. By July 1, 1997, the Administration Commission shall adopt one or more sets of uniform rules of procedure which shall be reviewed by the committee and filed with the Department of State. Agencies must comply with the uniform rules by July 1, 1998. The uniform rules shall establish procedures that comply with the requirements of this chapter. On filing with the department, the uniform rules shall be the rules of procedure for each agency subject to this act unless the Administration Commission grants an exception to the agency under this subsection.</p>
<p>120.54(10) An agency may seek modification of the model rules of procedure to the extent necessary to conform to any requirement imposed as a condition precedent to receipt of federal funds or permit persons in this state to receive tax benefits under federal law or as required for the most efficient operation of the agency as determined by the Administration Commission. The reasons for the modification shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(a)2. An agency may seek exceptions to the uniform rules of procedure by filing a petition with the Administration Commission. The Administration Commission shall approve exceptions to the extent necessary to implement other statutes, to the extent necessary to conform to any requirement imposed as a condition precedent to receipt of federal funds or permit persons in this state to receive tax benefits under federal law or as required for the most efficient operation of the agency as determined by the Administration Commission. The reasons for the exceptions shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.54(10) Agency rules adopted to comply with ss. 120.53 and 120.565 must be in substantial compliance with the model rules.</p>	

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(11)(a) The adopting agency shall file with the committee, at least 21 days prior to the proposed adoption date, a copy of each rule it proposes to adopt; a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule; a copy of the estimate of economic impact required by subsection (2); a statement of the extent to which the proposed rule establishes standards more restrictive than federal standards or a statement that the proposed rule is no more restrictive than federal standards or that a federal rule on the same subject does not exist; and the notice required by subsection (1).</p>	<p>120.54(3)(a)4. The adopting agency shall file with the committee, at least 21 days prior to the proposed adoption date, a copy of each rule it proposes to adopt; a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule; a copy of any statement of estimated regulatory costs that has been prepared pursuant to s. 120.541; a statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards or rules on the same subject; and the notice required by subparagraph 1.</p>
<p>120.54(11)(a) After the final public hearing on the proposed rule, or after the time for requesting a hearing has expired, the adopting agency shall file any changes in the proposed rule and the reasons therefor with the committee or advise the committee that there are no changes.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d) Modification or withdrawal of proposed rules.--</p> <p>1. After the final public hearing on the proposed rule, or after the time for requesting a hearing has expired, if the rule has not been changed from the rule as previously filed with the committee, or contains only technical changes, the adopting agency shall file a notice to that effect with the committee at least 7 days prior to filing the rule for adoption.</p>
<p>120.54(11)(a) In addition, when any change is made in a proposed rule, other than a technical change, the adopting agency shall provide a detailed statement of such change by certified mail or actual delivery to any person who requests it in writing at the public hearing. The agency shall file the change with the committee, and provide the statement of change to persons requesting it, at least 7 days prior to filing the rule for adoption.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d)1. In addition, when any change is made in a proposed rule, other than a technical change, the adopting agency shall provide a copy of a notice of change by certified mail or actual delivery to any person who requests it in writing. The agency shall file the notice with the committee, along with the reasons for such change, and provide the notice to persons requesting it, at least 21 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. The notice shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly at least 21 days prior to filing the rule for adoption.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(11)(a) Educational units, other than units of the State University System and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and local units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or part thereof shall not be required to make filings with the committee.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(d) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(a)4., educational units, other than units of the State University System and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by that subparagraph.</p> <p>120.81(2) LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.-- (a) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(a)4., local units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or part thereof shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by that subparagraph.</p>
<p>120.54(11)(a) This paragraph does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (9). However, agencies, other than those listed herein, adopting emergency rules shall file a copy of each emergency rule with the committee.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d)1. This subparagraph does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (4).</p>
<p>120.54(11)(b) If the adopting agency is required to publish its rules in the Florida Administrative Code, it shall file with the Department of State three certified copies of the rule it proposes to adopt, a summary of the rule, a summary of any hearings held on the rule, and a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the rule. Agencies not required to publish their rules in the Florida Administrative Code shall file one certified copy of the proposed rule, and the other material required above, in the office of the agency head; and such rules shall be open to the public pursuant to s. 120.53(2).</p>	<p>120.54(3)(e) Filing for final adoption; effective date.-- 1. If the adopting agency is required to publish its rules in the Florida Administrative Code, it shall file with the Department of State three certified copies of the rule it proposes to adopt, a summary of the rule, a summary of any hearings held on the rule, and a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the rule. Agencies not required to publish their rules in the Florida Administrative Code shall file one certified copy of the proposed rule, and the other material required by this subparagraph, in the office of the agency head, and such rules shall be open to the public.</p>

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<p>120.54(11)(b) Filings shall be made no less than 28 days or more than 90 days after the notice required by subsection (1). If a public hearing is held, the 90-day limit is extended to 21 days after adjournment of the final hearing on the rule, 21 days after receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing, or 21 days after receipt of the transcript, if one is made, whichever is latest. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "public hearing" includes any public meeting held by any agency at which the rule is considered. The filing of a petition for an administrative determination under the provisions of subsection (4) will toll the 90-day period during which a rule must be filed for adoption until the hearing officer has filed the order with the clerk.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(e)2. Filings shall be made no less than 28 days nor more than 90 days after the notice required by paragraph (a). If a notice of change is required to be published, the 90-day period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 21 days after the date of publication. If a public hearing is held, the 90-day limit is extended to 21 days after adjournment of the final hearing on the rule, 21 days after receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing, or 21 days after receipt of the transcript, if one is made, whichever is latest. For purposes of this subparagraph, "public hearing" includes any public meeting held by any agency at which the rule is considered. The filing of a petition for an administrative determination under the provisions of s. 120.56(2) shall toll the 90-day period during which a rule must be filed for adoption until the administrative law judge has filed the final order with the clerk.</p>
<p>120.54(11)(b) At the time a rule is filed, the agency shall certify that the time limitations prescribed by this subsection have been complied with and that there is no administrative determination pending on the rule.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(e)3. At the time a rule is filed, the agency shall certify that the time limitations prescribed by this paragraph have been complied with, that all statutory rulemaking requirements have been met, and that there is no administrative determination pending on the rule.</p>
<p>120.54(11)(b) The department shall reject any rule not filed within the prescribed time limits or upon which an administrative determination is pending.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(e)4. At the time a rule is filed, the committee shall certify whether the agency has responded in writing to all material and timely written comments or written inquiries made on behalf of the committee. The department shall reject any rule not filed within the prescribed time limits; that does not satisfy all statutory rulemaking requirements; upon which an agency has not responded in writing to all material and timely written inquiries or written comments; upon which an administrative determination is pending; or which does not include a statement of estimated regulatory costs, if required.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.54(11)(b) If a rule has not been adopted within the time limits imposed by this section, the agency proposing the rule shall withdraw the rule and give notice of its action in the same manner as is prescribed in paragraphs (1)(a) and (b).</p>	<p>120.54(3)(e)5. If a rule has not been adopted within the time limits imposed by this paragraph or has not been adopted in compliance with all statutory rulemaking requirements, the agency proposing the rule shall withdraw the rule and give notice of its action in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.54(12)(a) Whenever an act of the Legislature is enacted which requires implementation of the act by rules of an agency within the executive branch of state government, such rules shall be drafted and formally proposed as provided in this section within 180 days after the effective date of the act, unless the act provides otherwise.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(b) Whenever an act of the Legislature is enacted which requires implementation of the act by rules of an agency within the executive branch of state government, such rules shall be drafted and formally proposed as provided in this section within 180 days after the effective date of the act, unless the act provides otherwise.</p>
<p>120.54(12)(b) In adopting rules, all agencies must, among the alternative approaches to any regulatory objective and, to the extent allowed by law, choose the alternative that imposes the lowest net cost to society based upon the factors listed in paragraph (2)(c), or provide a statement of the reasons for rejecting that alternative in favor of the proposed rule. This paragraph shall not provide a basis for challenging a rule.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(d) In adopting rules, all agencies must, among the alternative approaches to any regulatory objective and to the extent allowed by law, choose the alternative that does not impose regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.</p>
<p>120.54(13)(a) The proposed rule shall be adopted on being filed with the Department of State and become effective 20 days after being filed, on a later date specified in the rule, or on a date required by statute. Rules not required to be filed with the Department of State shall become effective when adopted by the agency head or on a later date specified by rule or statute.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(e)6. The proposed rule shall be adopted on being filed with the Department of State and become effective 20 days after being filed, on a later date specified in the rule, or on a date required by statute. Rules not required to be filed with the Department of State shall become effective when adopted by the agency head or on a later date specified by rule or statute. If the committee notifies an agency that an objection to a rule is being considered, the agency may postpone the adoption of the rule to accommodate review of the rule by the committee. When an agency postpones adoption of a rule to accommodate review by the committee, the 90-day period for filing the rule is tolled until the committee notifies the agency that it has completed its review of the rule.</p>

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<p>120.54(13)(b) After the notice required in subsection (1) and prior to adoption, the agency may withdraw the rule in whole or in part or may make such changes in the rule as are supported by the record of public hearings held on the rule, technical changes which do not affect the substance of the rule, changes in response to written material relating to the rule received by the agency within 21 days after the notice and made a part of the record of the proceeding, or changes in response to a proposed objection by the committee.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d)2. After the notice required by paragraph (a) and prior to adoption, the agency may withdraw the rule in whole or in part.</p> <p>120.54(3)(d)1. Any change, other than a technical change which does not affect the substance of the rule, must be supported by the record of public hearings held on the rule, must be in response to written material received on or before the date of the public hearing, or must be in response to a proposed objection by the committee.</p>
<p>120.54(13)(b) After adoption and before the effective date, a rule may be modified or withdrawn only in response to an objection by the committee or may be modified to extend the effective date by not more than 60 days when the committee has notified the agency that an objection to the rule is being considered.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d)3. After adoption and before the effective date, a rule may be modified or withdrawn only in response to an objection by the committee or may be modified to extend the effective date by not more than 60 days when the committee has notified the agency that an objection to the rule is being considered.</p>
<p>120.54(13)(b) The agency shall give notice of its decision to withdraw or modify a rule in the first available issue of the publication in which the original notice of rulemaking was published and shall notify the Department of State if the rule is required to be filed with the Department of State.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d)4. The agency shall give notice of its decision to withdraw or modify a rule in the first available issue of the publication in which the original notice of rulemaking was published, shall notify those persons described in subparagraph (a)3. in accordance with the requirements of that subparagraph, and shall notify the Department of State if the rule is required to be filed with the Department of State.</p>
<p>120.54(13)(b) After a rule has become effective, it may be repealed or amended only through regular rulemaking procedures.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(d)5. After a rule has become effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in this chapter.</p>

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<p>120.54(14) If the committee disapproves a proposed rule and the agency does not modify the rule, the committee shall file with the Department of State a notice of the disapproval detailing with particularity its objection to the rule. The Department of State shall publish this notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly and shall publish, as a history note to the rule when it is published in the Florida Administrative Code, a reference to the committee's disapproval and to the issue of the weekly in which the full text thereof appears.</p>	<p>120.545(9) If the committee objects to a proposed or existing rule and the agency refuses to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule, the committee shall file with the Department of State a notice of the objection, detailing with particularity its objection to the rule. The Department of State shall publish this notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly and shall publish, as a history note to the rule in the Florida Administrative Code, a reference to the committee's objection and to the issue of the Weekly in which the full text thereof appears.</p>
<p>120.54(15) No agency has inherent rulemaking authority; nor has any agency authority to establish penalties for violation of a rule unless the Legislature, when establishing a penalty, specifically provides that the penalty applies to rules.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(e) No agency has inherent rulemaking authority, nor has any agency authority to establish penalties for violation of a rule unless the Legislature, when establishing a penalty, specifically provides that the penalty applies to rules.</p>
<p>120.54(15) However, an agency may adopt rules necessary to the proper implementation of a statute prior to the effective date of the statute, but the rules may not be enforced until the statute upon which they are based is effective.</p>	<p>120.54(1)(f) An agency may adopt rules authorized by law and necessary to the proper implementation of a statute prior to the effective date of the statute, but the rules may not be enforced until the statute upon which they are based is effective.</p>
<p>120.54(16) The rulemaking provisions of this chapter do not apply to compensation appeals referees.</p>	<p>120.80(10) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.-- (a) Unemployment compensation.-- 1. Notwithstanding s. 120.54, the rulemaking provisions of this chapter do not apply to unemployment compensation appeals referees.</p>

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<p>120.54(17) Rulemaking proceedings shall be governed solely by the provisions of this section unless a person timely asserts that his or her substantial interests will be affected in the proceeding and affirmatively demonstrates to the agency that the proceeding does not provide adequate opportunity to protect those interests. If the agency determines that the rulemaking proceeding is not adequate to protect the person's interests, it shall suspend the rulemaking proceeding and convene a separate proceeding under the provisions of s. 120.57. Similarly situated persons may be requested to join and participate in the separate proceeding. Upon conclusion of the separate proceeding, the rulemaking proceeding shall be resumed.</p>	<p>120.54(3)(c)2. Rulemaking proceedings shall be governed solely by the provisions of this section unless a person timely asserts that the person's substantial interests will be affected in the proceeding and affirmatively demonstrates to the agency that the proceeding does not provide adequate opportunity to protect those interests. If the agency determines that the rulemaking proceeding is not adequate to protect the person's interests, it shall suspend the rulemaking proceeding and convene a separate proceeding under the provisions of s. 120.569 and 120.57. Similarly situated persons may be requested to join and participate in the separate proceeding. Upon conclusion of the separate proceeding, the rulemaking proceeding shall be resumed.</p>
<p>120.54(18) Effective October 1, 1995, the Department of Environmental Protection shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for approval by the Environmental Regulation Commission and that establishes or changes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health. Effective October 1, 1996, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for adoption that establishes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health.</p>	<p>120.81(6) RISK IMPACT STATEMENT.-- The Department of Environmental Protection shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for approval by the Environmental Regulation Commission and that establishes or changes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for adoption that establishes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health.</p>
<p>120.54(18)(a) This subsection does not apply to rules adopted pursuant to federally delegated or mandated programs where such rules are identical or substantially identical to the federal regulations or laws being adopted or implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection or Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as applicable. However, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall identify any risk analysis information available to them from the Federal Government that has formed the basis of such rule.</p>	<p>120.81(6)(a) This subsection does not apply to rules adopted pursuant to federally delegated or mandated programs where such rules are identical or substantially identical to the federal regulations or laws being adopted or implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection or Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as applicable. However, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall identify any risk analysis information available to them from the Federal Government that has formed the basis of such a rule.</p>

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<p>120.54(18)(b) This subsection does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.</p>	<p>120.81(6)(b) This subsection does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.</p>
<p>120.54(18)(c) The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare and publish notice of the availability of a clear and concise risk impact statement for all applicable rules. The risk impact statement must explain the risk to the public health addressed by the rule and shall identify and summarize the source of the scientific information used in evaluating that risk.</p>	<p>120.81(6)(c) The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare and publish notice of the availability of a clear and concise risk impact statement for all applicable rules. The risk impact statement must explain the risk to the public health addressed by the rule and shall identify and summarize the source of the scientific information used in evaluating that risk.</p>
<p>120.54(18)(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a new cause of action or basis for challenging a rule nor diminish any existing cause of action or basis for challenging a rule.</p>	<p>120.81(6)(d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create a new cause of action or basis for challenging a rule nor diminish any existing cause of action or basis for challenging a rule.</p>
<p>120.543 Adoption of federal standards.-- Notwithstanding any contrary provision of s. 120.54, in the pursuance of state implementation, operation, or enforcement of federal programs, the agency head is empowered to adopt rules substantively identical to regulations adopted pursuant to federal law, in accordance with the following procedures:</p>	<p>120.54(6) ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS.-- Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, in the pursuance of state implementation, operation, or enforcement of federal programs, an agency head is empowered to adopt rules substantively identical to regulations adopted pursuant to federal law, in accordance with the following procedures:</p>
<p>120.543(1) The agency head shall publish notice of intent to adopt a rule pursuant to this section in the Florida Administrative Weekly at least 21 days prior to filing the rule with the Department of State. The agency head shall provide a copy of the notice of intent to adopt a rule to the Administrative Procedures Committee at least 21 days prior to the date of filing with the Department of State. Prior to filing the rule with the Department of State, the agency head shall consider any written comments received within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule. The rule shall be adopted upon filing with the Department of State. Substantive changes from the rules as noticed shall require republishing of notice as required in this section.</p>	<p>120.54(6)(a) The agency shall publish notice of intent to adopt a rule pursuant to this subsection in the Florida Administrative Weekly at least 21 days prior to filing the rule with the Department of State. The agency shall provide a copy of the notice of intent to adopt a rule to the committee at least 21 days prior to the date of filing with the Department of State. Prior to filing the rule with the Department of State, the agency shall consider any written comments received within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule. The rule shall be adopted upon filing with the Department of State. Substantive changes from the rules as noticed shall require republishing of notice as required in this subsection.</p>

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<p>120.543(2) Any rule adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective upon the date designated in the rule by the agency head; however, no such rule shall become effective earlier than the effective date of the substantively identical federal regulation.</p>	<p>120.54(6)(b) Any rule adopted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective upon the date designated in the rule by the agency; however, no such rule shall become effective earlier than the effective date of the substantively identical federal regulation.</p>
<p>120.543(3) Any substantially affected person may, within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule, file an objection to rulemaking with the agency head. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rule to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection. The agency shall not proceed pursuant to this section, to adopt those portions of the proposed rule specified in an objection, unless the agency deems the objection to be frivolous, but may proceed pursuant to s. 120.54. An objection to a proposed rule, which rule in no material respect differs from the requirements of the federal regulation upon which it is based, is deemed to be frivolous.</p>	<p>120.54(6)(c) Any substantially affected person may, within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule, file an objection to rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rule to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection. The agency shall not proceed pursuant to this subsection to adopt those portions of the proposed rule specified in an objection, unless the agency deems the objection to be frivolous, but may proceed pursuant to subsection (3). An objection to a proposed rule, which rule in no material respect differs from the requirements of the federal regulation upon which it is based, is deemed to be frivolous.</p>
<p>120.543(4) Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this section is declared invalid, or withdrawn, revoked, repealed, remanded, or suspended, the agency head shall, within 60 days thereafter, publish a notice of repeal of the substantively identical agency rule in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Such repeal is effective upon publication of the notice. Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this section is substantially amended, the agency may adopt the amended regulation as a rule. If the amended regulation is not adopted as a rule within 180 days of the effective date of the amended regulation, the original rule is deemed repealed and the agency shall publish a notice of repeal of the original agency rule in the next available Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.54(6)(d) Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this subsection is declared invalid, or is withdrawn, revoked, repealed, remanded, or suspended, the agency shall, within 60 days thereafter, publish a notice of repeal of the substantively identical agency rule in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Such repeal is effective upon publication of the notice. Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this subsection is substantially amended, the agency may adopt the amended regulation as a rule. If the amended regulation is not adopted as a rule within 180 days after the effective date of the amended regulation, the original rule is deemed repealed and the agency shall publish a notice of repeal of the original agency rule in the next available Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>

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<p>120.543(5) Whenever all or part of any rule proposed for adoption by the agency is substantively identical to a regulation adopted pursuant to federal law, such rule shall be written in a manner so that the rule specifically references such regulation whenever possible.</p>	<p>120.54(6)(e) Whenever all or part of any rule proposed for adoption by the agency is substantively identical to a regulation adopted pursuant to federal law, such rule shall be written in a manner so that the rule specifically references the regulation whenever possible.</p>
<p>120.545 Committee review of agency rules.-- (1) As a legislative check on legislatively created authority, the committee shall examine each proposed rule, except for those proposed rules exempted by s. 120.54(11)(a), and its accompanying material, and each emergency rule, and may examine any existing rule, for the purpose of determining whether:</p>	<p>120.545 Committee review of agency rules.-- (1) As a legislative check on legislatively created authority, the committee shall examine each proposed rule, except for those proposed rules exempted by s. 120.81(1)(d) and (2) , and its accompanying material, and each emergency rule, and may examine any existing rule, for the purpose of determining whether:</p>
<p>120.545(1)(a) The rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(a) The rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(b) The statutory authority for the rule has been repealed.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(b) The statutory authority for the rule has been repealed.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(c) The rule reiterates or paraphrases statutory material.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(c) The rule reiterates or paraphrases statutory material.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(d) The rule is in proper form.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(d) The rule is in proper form.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(e) The notice given prior to its adoption was sufficient to give adequate notice of the purpose and effect of the rule.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(e) The notice given prior to its adoption was sufficient to give adequate notice of the purpose and effect of the rule.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(f) An economic impact statement was prepared that informs the public of the economic effect of the rule, if such statement is required pursuant to paragraph (2)(b) or is requested by the committee.</p>	
<p>120.545(1)(g) The rule is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(f) The rule is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(h) The rule is necessary to accomplish the apparent or expressed objectives of the specific provision of law which the rule implements.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(g) The rule is necessary to accomplish the apparent or expressed objectives of the specific provision of law which the rule implements.</p>

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<p>120.545(1)(i) The rule is a reasonable implementation of the law as it affects the convenience of the general public or persons particularly affected by the rule.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(h) The rule is a reasonable implementation of the law as it affects the convenience of the general public or persons particularly affected by the rule.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(j) The rule could be made less complex or more easily comprehensible to the general public.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(i) The rule could be made less complex or more easily comprehensible to the general public.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(k) The rule reflects the approach to the regulatory objective involving the lowest net cost to society to the degree consistent with the provisions of law which the rule implements.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(j) The rule does not impose regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(l) The rule will require additional appropriations.</p>	<p>120.545(1)(k) The rule will require additional appropriations.</p>
<p>120.545(1)(m) If the rule is an emergency rule, there exists an emergency justifying the promulgation of such rule, whether the agency has exceeded the scope of its statutory authority, and whether the rule was promulgated in compliance with the requirements and limitations of s. 120.54(9).</p>	<p>120.545(1)(l) If the rule is an emergency rule, there exists an emergency justifying the promulgation of such rule, the agency has exceeded the scope of its statutory authority, and the rule was promulgated in compliance with the requirements and limitations of s. 120.54(4).</p>
<p>120.545(1) The committee may request from an agency such information as is reasonably necessary for examination of a rule as required by this subsection. The committee shall consult with legislative standing committees with jurisdiction over the subject areas pertinent to any rule examined regarding legislative authority for the rule. If the committee objects to an emergency rule or a proposed or existing rule, it shall, within 5 days of the objection, certify that fact to the agency whose rule has been examined and include with the certification a statement detailing its objections with particularity. The committee shall notify the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of any objection to an agency rule concurrent with certification of that fact to the agency. Such notice shall include a copy of the rule and the statement detailing the committee's objections to the rule.</p>	<p>120.545(2) The committee may request from an agency such information as is reasonably necessary for examination of a rule as required by subsection (1). The committee shall consult with legislative standing committees with jurisdiction over the subject areas. If the committee objects to an emergency rule or a proposed or existing rule, it shall, within 5 days of the objection, certify that fact to the agency whose rule has been examined and include with the certification a statement detailing its objections with particularity. The committee shall notify the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of any objection to an agency rule concurrent with certification of that fact to the agency. Such notice shall include a copy of the rule and the statement detailing the committee's objections to the rule.</p>

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<p>120.545(2) Within 30 days of receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days of receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall:</p>	<p>120.545(3) Within 30 days of receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days of receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall:</p>
<p>120.545(2)(a) If the rule is a proposed rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modify the rule to meet the committee's objection; 2. Withdraw the rule in its entirety; or 3. Refuse to modify or withdraw the rule. 	<p>120.545(3)(a) If the rule is a proposed rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modify the rule to meet the committee's objection; 2. Withdraw the rule in its entirety; or 3. Refuse to modify or withdraw the rule.
<p>120.545(2)(b) If the rule is an existing rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify the committee that it has elected to amend the rule to meet the committee's objection and initiate the amendment procedure; 2. Notify the committee that it has elected to repeal the rule and initiate the repeal procedure; or 3. Notify the committee that it refuses to amend or repeal the rule. 	<p>120.545(3)(b) If the rule is an existing rule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify the committee that it has elected to amend the rule to meet the committee's objection and initiate the amendment procedure; 2. Notify the committee that it has elected to repeal the rule and initiate the repeal procedure; or 3. Notify the committee that it refuses to amend or repeal the rule.
<p>120.545(2)(c) If the rule is either an existing or a proposed rule and the objection is to the economic impact statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a corrected economic impact statement, give notice of the availability of the corrected economic impact statement in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly, and file copies of the corrected statement with the committee and the Department of State; or 2. Notify the committee that it refuses to prepare a corrected economic impact statement. 	<p>120.545(3)(c) If the rule is either an existing or a proposed rule and the objection is to the statement of estimated regulatory costs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs, give notice of the availability of the corrected statement in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly, and file a copy of the corrected statement with the committee; or 2. Notify the committee that it refuses to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs.

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<p>120.545(3) If the agency elects to modify a proposed rule to meet the committee's objection, it shall make only such modifications as are necessary to meet the objection and shall resubmit the rule to the committee. The agency shall give notice of its election to modify a proposed rule to meet the committee's objection in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly, but shall not be required to conduct a public hearing. If the agency elects to amend an existing rule to meet the committee's objection, it shall notify the committee in writing and shall initiate the amendment procedure by giving notice in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. The committee shall give priority to rules so modified or amended when setting its agenda.</p>	<p>120.545(4) If the agency elects to modify a proposed rule to meet the committee's objection, it shall make only such modifications as are necessary to meet the objection and shall resubmit the rule to the committee. The agency shall give notice of its election to modify a proposed rule to meet the committee's objection by publishing a notice of change in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly, but shall not be required to conduct a public hearing. If the agency elects to amend an existing rule to meet the committee's objection, it shall notify the committee in writing and shall initiate the amendment procedure by giving notice in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. The committee shall give priority to rules so modified or amended when setting its agenda.</p>
<p>120.545(4) If the agency elects to withdraw a proposed rule as a result of a committee objection, it shall notify the committee, in writing, of its election and shall give notice of the withdrawal in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. The rule shall be withdrawn without a public hearing, effective upon publication of the notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly. If the agency elects to repeal an existing rule as a result of a committee objection, it shall notify the committee, in writing, of its election and shall initiate rulemaking procedures for that purpose by giving notice in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.545(5) If the agency elects to withdraw a proposed rule as a result of a committee objection, it shall notify the committee, in writing, of its election and shall give notice of the withdrawal in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. The rule shall be withdrawn without a public hearing, effective upon publication of the notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly. If the agency elects to repeal an existing rule as a result of a committee objection, it shall notify the committee, in writing, of its election and shall initiate rulemaking procedures for that purpose by giving notice in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.545(5) If an agency elects to amend or repeal an existing rule as a result of a committee objection, it shall complete the process within 90 days after giving notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.545(6) If an agency elects to amend or repeal an existing rule as a result of a committee objection, it shall complete the process within 90 days after giving notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>

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<p>120.545(6) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a proposed rule within the time prescribed in subsection (2) shall constitute withdrawal of the rule in its entirety. In this event, the committee shall notify the Department of State that the agency, by its failure to respond to a committee objection, has elected to withdraw the proposed rule. Upon receipt of the committee's notice, the Department of State shall publish a notice to that effect in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. Upon publication of the notice, the proposed rule shall be stricken from the files of the Department of State and the files of the agency.</p>	<p>120.545(7) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a proposed rule within the time prescribed in subsection (3) shall constitute withdrawal of the rule in its entirety. In this event, the committee shall notify the Department of State that the agency, by its failure to respond to a committee objection, has elected to withdraw the proposed rule. Upon receipt of the committee's notice, the Department of State shall publish a notice to that effect in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. Upon publication of the notice, the proposed rule shall be stricken from the files of the Department of State and the files of the agency.</p>
<p>120.545(7) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to an existing rule within the time prescribed in subsection (2) shall constitute a refusal to repeal the rule.</p>	<p>120.545(8) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to an existing rule within the time prescribed in subsection (3) shall constitute a refusal to repeal the rule.</p>
<p>120.545(8) If the committee objects to a proposed or existing rule and the agency refuses to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule, the committee shall file with the Department of State a notice of the objection, detailing with particularity its objection to the rule. The Department of State shall publish this notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly and shall publish, as a history note to the rule in the Florida Administrative Code, a reference to the committee's objection and to the issue of the Weekly in which the full text thereof appears.</p>	<p>120.545(9) If the committee objects to a proposed or existing rule and the agency refuses to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule, the committee shall file with the Department of State a notice of the objection, detailing with particularity its objection to the rule. The Department of State shall publish this notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly and shall publish, as a history note to the rule in the Florida Administrative Code, a reference to the committee's objection and to the issue of the Weekly in which the full text thereof appears.</p>

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<p>120.55 Publication.-- (1) The Department of State shall: (a)1. Publish in a permanent compilation entitled "Florida Administrative Code" all rules adopted by each agency, citing the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which each rule was adopted, all history notes as authorized in s. 120.545(8), and complete indexes to all rules contained in the code. Supplementation shall be made as often as practicable, but at least monthly. The department shall contract with a publishing firm for the publication, in a timely and useful form, of the Florida Administrative Code; however, the department shall retain responsibility for the code as provided in this section. This publication shall be the official compilation of the administrative rules of this state.</p>	<p>120.55 Publication.-- (1) The Department of State shall: (a)1. Publish in a permanent compilation entitled "Florida Administrative Code" all rules adopted by each agency, citing the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which each rule was adopted, all history notes as authorized in s. 120.545(9), and complete indexes to all rules contained in the code. Supplementation shall be made as often as practicable, but at least monthly. The department may contract with a publishing firm for the publication, in a timely and useful form, of the Florida Administrative Code; however, the department shall retain responsibility for the code as provided in this section. This publication shall be the official compilation of the administrative rules of this state. The Department of State shall retain the copyright over the Florida Administrative Code.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(a)2. Rules general in form but applicable to only one school district, community college district, or county, or a part thereof, or university rules relating to internal personnel or business and finance shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code. Exclusion from publication in the Florida Administrative Code shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of such rules.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(a)2. Rules general in form but applicable to only one school district, community college district, or county, or a part thereof, or university rules relating to internal personnel or business and finance shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code. Exclusion from publication in the Florida Administrative Code shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of such rules.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(a)3. At the beginning of the section of the code dealing with an agency that files copies of its rules with the department, the department shall publish a summary or listing of all rules of that agency excluded from publication in the code and a statement as to where those rules may be inspected or examined and shall also publish any exemptions granted that agency pursuant to s. 120.63, including the termination date of the exemption and a statement whether the exemption can be renewed pursuant to s. 120.63(2)(b).</p>	<p>120.55(1)(a)3. At the beginning of the section of the code dealing with an agency that files copies of its rules with the department, the department shall publish the address and telephone number of the executive offices of each agency, the manner by which the agency indexes its rules, a listing of all rules of that agency excluded from publication in the code, and a statement as to where those rules may be inspected.</p>

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<p>120.55(1)(a)4. Forms shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code; but any form which an agency uses in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, shall be filed with the committee before it is used. Any form or instruction which meets the definition of "rule" provided in s. 120.52(16) shall be incorporated by reference into the appropriate rule. The reference shall specifically state that the form is being incorporated by reference and shall include the number, title, and effective date of the form and an explanation of how the form may be obtained.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(a)4. Forms shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code; but any form which an agency uses in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, shall be filed with the committee before it is used. Any form or instruction which meets the definition of "rule" provided in s. 120.52 shall be incorporated by reference into the appropriate rule. The reference shall specifically state that the form is being incorporated by reference and shall include the number, title, and effective date of the form and an explanation of how the form may be obtained.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(b) Publish a weekly publication entitled the "Florida Administrative Weekly," which shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of adoption of, and an index to, all rules filed during the preceding week. 2. All hearing notices required by s. 120.54(1), showing the time, place, and date of the hearings and the text of all rules proposed for consideration or a reference to the location in the Florida Administrative Weekly where the text of the proposed rules is published. 3. All notices of meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted in accordance with the provisions of s. 120.53(1)(d), including a statement of the manner in which a copy of the agenda may be obtained. 4. A notice of each request for authorization to amend or repeal an existing model rule or for the adoption of new model rules. 5. A notice of each request for exemption from any provision of this chapter. 6. Notice of petitions for declaratory statements or administrative determinations. 7. A summary of each objection to any rule filed by the Administrative Procedures Committee during the preceding week. 8. Any other material required or authorized by law or deemed useful by the department. 	<p>120.55(1)(b) Publish a weekly publication entitled the "Florida Administrative Weekly," which shall contain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of adoption of, and an index to, all rules filed during the preceding week. 2. All notices required by s. 120.54(3)(a), showing the text of all rules proposed for consideration or a reference to the location in the Florida Administrative Weekly where the text of the proposed rules is published. 3. All notices of public meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted in accordance with the provisions of s. 120.525 , including a statement of the manner in which a copy of the agenda may be obtained. 4. A notice of each request for authorization to amend or repeal an existing uniform rule or for the adoption of new uniform rules. 5. Notice of petitions for declaratory statements or administrative determinations. 6. A summary of each objection to any rule filed by the Administrative Procedures Committee during the preceding week. 7. Any other material required or authorized by law or deemed useful by the department.

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<p>120.55(1)(b) The department may contract with a publishing firm for publication of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(b) The department may contract with a publishing firm for publication of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(c) Prescribe by rule the style and form required for rules submitted for filing and establish the form for their certification.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(c) Prescribe by rule the style and form required for rules submitted for filing and establish the form for their certification.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(d) Correct grammatical, typographical, and like errors not affecting the construction or meaning of the rules, after having obtained the advice and consent of the appropriate agency, and insert history notes.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(d) Correct grammatical, typographical, and like errors not affecting the construction or meaning of the rules, after having obtained the advice and consent of the appropriate agency, and insert history notes.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(e) Make copies of the Florida Administrative Weekly available on an annual subscription basis computed to cover a pro rata share of 50 percent of the costs related to the publication of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(e) Make copies of the Florida Administrative Weekly available on an annual subscription basis computed to cover a pro rata share of 50 percent of the costs related to the publication of the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.55(1)(f) Charge each agency using the Florida Administrative Weekly a space rate computed to cover a pro rata share of 50 percent of the costs related to the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.55(1)(f) Charge each agency using the Florida Administrative Weekly a space rate computed to cover a pro rata share of 50 percent of the costs related to the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>
<p>120.55(2) Each agency shall print or distribute copies of its rules, citing the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which each rule was adopted.</p>	<p>120.55(2) Each agency shall print or distribute copies of its rules, citing the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which each rule was adopted.</p>
<p>120.55(3) Any publication of a proposed rule promulgated by an agency, whether published in the Florida Administrative Code or elsewhere, shall include, along with the rule, the name of the person or persons originating such rule, the name of the supervisor or person who approved the rule, and the date upon which the rule was approved.</p>	<p>120.55(3) Any publication of a proposed rule promulgated by an agency, whether published in the Florida Administrative Code or elsewhere, shall include, along with the rule, the name of the person or persons originating such rule, the name of the supervisor or person who approved the rule, and the date upon which the rule was approved.</p>

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<p>120.55(4)(a) Each year the Department of State shall furnish the Florida Administrative Weekly, without charge and upon request, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One subscription to each federal and state court having jurisdiction over the residents of the state; the Legislative Library; each state university library; the State Library; each depository library designated pursuant to s. 257.05; and each standing committee of the Senate and House of Representatives and each state legislator upon request of the Senate President's or House Speaker's Office. 2. Two subscriptions to each state department. 3. Three subscriptions to the library of the Supreme Court of Florida, the library of each state district court of appeal, the division, the library of the Attorney General, each law school library in Florida, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House. 4. Ten subscriptions to the committee. <p>(b) The Department of State shall furnish one copy of the Florida Administrative Weekly, at no cost, to each clerk of the circuit court and each state department, for posting for public inspection.</p>	<p>120.55(4)(a) Each year the Department of State shall furnish the Florida Administrative Weekly, without charge and upon request, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One subscription to each federal and state court having jurisdiction over the residents of the state; the Legislative Library; each state university library; the State Library; each depository library designated pursuant to s. 257.05; and each standing committee of the Senate and House o Representatives and each state legislator. 2. Two subscriptions to each state department. 3. Three subscriptions to the library of the Supreme Court of Florida, the library of each state district court of appeal, the division, the library of the Attorney General, each law school library in Florida, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House. 4. Ten subscriptions to the committee. <p>(b) The Department of State shall furnish one copy of the Florida Administrative Weekly, at no cost, to each clerk of the circuit court and each state department, for posting for public inspection.</p>

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<p>120.55(5)(a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund to be known as the "Publication Revolving Trust Fund" of the Department of State.</p> <p>(b) All fees and moneys collected by the Department of State under this chapter shall be deposited in the revolving trust fund for the purpose of paying for the publication and distribution of the Florida Administrative Code and the Florida Administrative Weekly and for associated costs incurred by the department in carrying out this chapter.</p> <p>(c) The unencumbered balance in the revolving trust fund at the beginning of each fiscal year shall not exceed \$100,000, and any excess shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.</p> <p>(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Florida Administrative Weekly be supported entirely from funds collected for subscriptions to and advertisements in the Florida Administrative Weekly. To that end, the Department of State is authorized to add a surcharge of 10 percent to any charge relating to the Florida Administrative Weekly until such time as the Publication Revolving Trust Fund has transferred to the General Revenue Fund an amount equal to all funds appropriated to the trust fund.</p>	<p>120.55(5)(a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund to be known as the "Publication Revolving Trust Fund" of the Department of State.</p> <p>(b) All fees and moneys collected by the Department of State under this chapter shall be deposited in the revolving trust fund for the purpose of paying for the publication and distribution of the Florida Administrative Code and the Florida Administrative Weekly and for associated costs incurred by the department in carrying out this chapter.</p> <p>(c) The unencumbered balance in the revolving trust fund at the beginning of each fiscal year shall not exceed \$300,000 , and any excess shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.</p> <p>(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Florida Administrative Weekly be supported entirely from funds collected for subscriptions to and advertisements in the Florida Administrative Weekly. To that end, the Department of State is authorized to add a surcharge of 10 percent to any charge relating to the Florida Administrative Weekly until such time as the Publication Revolving Trust Fund has transferred to the General Revenue Fund an amount equal to all funds appropriated to the trust fund.</p>
<p>120.56 Administrative determination of rule by hearing officer.--</p> <p>(1) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.</p>	<p>120.56 Challenges to rules.--</p> <p>(1) GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF A RULE OR A PROPOSED RULE.--</p> <p>(a) Any person substantially affected by a rule or a proposed rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.</p>

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<p>120.56(2) The petition seeking an administrative determination under this section shall be in writing and shall state with particularity facts sufficient to show the person seeking relief is substantially affected by the rule and facts sufficient to show the invalidity of the rule.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it, or that the person challenging a proposed rule would be substantially affected by it.</p>
<p>120.56(2) The petition shall be filed with the division which shall, immediately upon filing, forward copies of the petition to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(c) The petition shall be filed with the division which shall, immediately upon filing, forward copies to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>
<p>120.56(2) Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if he or she determines that the petition complies with the above requirements, assign a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(c) Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of paragraph (b), assign an administrative law judge who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties or for good cause shown.</p>
<p>120.56(3) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit copies of the hearing officer's decision to the Department of State and to the committee.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the administrative law judge shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit copies of the administrative law judge's decision to the agency, the Department of State, and the committee.</p>
<p>120.56(3) The hearing officer may declare all or part of a rule invalid. The rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires or at a later date specified in the decision. The agency whose rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the Florida Administrative Weekly in the first available issue after the rule has become void.</p>	<p>120.56(3)(b) The administrative law judge may declare all or part of a rule invalid. The rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires. The agency whose rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the Florida Administrative Weekly in the first available issue after the rule has become void.</p>

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<p>120.56(4) Challenges to the validity of an emergency rule shall be subject to the following time schedules. Within 7 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if he or she determines that the petition complies with subsection (2), assign a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 14 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn. Within 14 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and otherwise comply with the provisions of subsection (3) not inconsistent herewith.</p>	<p>120.56(5) CHALLENGING EMERGENCY RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.-- Challenges to the validity of an emergency rule shall be subject to the following time schedules in lieu of those established by paragraphs (1)(c) and (d). Within 7 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with paragraph (1)(b), assign an administrative law judge, who shall conduct a hearing within 14 days, unless the petition is withdrawn. The administrative law judge shall render a decision within 14 days after the hearing.</p>
<p>120.56(5) Hearings held under this provision shall be conducted in the same manner as provided in s. 120.57 except that the hearing officer's order shall be final agency action.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(e) Hearings held under this section shall be conducted in the same manner as provided by ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the administrative law judge's order shall be final agency action.</p>
<p>120.56(5) The petitioner and the agency whose rule is attacked shall be adversary parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as parties or intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings. Failure to proceed under this section shall not constitute failure to exhaust administrative remedies.</p>	<p>120.56(1)(e) The petitioner and the agency whose rule is challenged shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings. Failure to proceed under this section shall not constitute failure to exhaust administrative remedies.</p>
<p>120.565 Declaratory statement by agencies.-- Each agency shall provide by rule the procedure for the filing and prompt disposition of petitions for declaratory statements.</p>	<p>120.54(5)(b)4. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing and prompt disposition of petitions for declaratory statements.</p>

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<p>120.565 A declaratory statement shall set out the agency's opinion as to the applicability of a specified statutory provision or of any rule or order of the agency as it applies to the petitioner in his or her particular set of circumstances only. The agency shall give notice of each petition and its disposition in the Florida Administrative Weekly, except that educational units shall give notice in the same manner as provided for rules in s. 120.54(1)(a), and transmit copies of each petition and its disposition to the committee. Agency disposition of petitions shall be final agency action.</p>	<p>120.565 Declaratory statement by agencies.--</p> <p>(1) Any substantially affected person may seek a declaratory statement regarding an agency's opinion as to the applicability of a statutory provision, or of any rule or order of the agency, as it applies to the petitioner's particular set of circumstances.</p> <p>(2) The petition seeking a declaratory statement shall state with particularity the petitioner's set of circumstances and shall specify the statutory provision, rule, or order that the petitioner believes may apply to the set of circumstances.</p> <p>(3) The agency shall give notice of the filing of each petition in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly and transmit copies of each petition to the committee. The agency shall issue a declaratory statement or deny the petition within 90 days after filing of the petition. The declaratory statement or denial of the petition shall be noticed in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. Agency disposition of petitions shall be final agency action.</p> <p>120.81(1)(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(a), notice of intent by an educational unit to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule or notice by an educational unit of a petition for a declaratory statement need not be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly or transmitted to the committee; however, the notice, for other than an emergency rule, shall be made at least 21 days prior to the intended action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area; 2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to organizations representing persons affected by the proposed rule; and 3. By posting in appropriate places so that those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed may be duly notified.

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<p>120.57 Decisions which affect substantial interests.--The provisions of this section apply in all proceedings in which the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency, unless such proceedings are exempt pursuant to subsection (5). Unless waived by all parties, subsection (1) applies whenever the proceeding involves a disputed issue of material fact. Unless otherwise agreed, subsection (2) applies in all other cases.</p>	<p>120.569 Decisions which affect substantial interests.-- (1) The provisions of this section apply in all proceedings in which the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency, unless the parties are proceeding under s. 120.573 or s. 120.574. Unless waived by all parties, s. 120.57(1) applies whenever the proceeding involves a disputed issue of material fact. Unless otherwise agreed, s. 120.57(2) applies in all other cases.</p>
<p>120.57(1) FORMAL PROCEEDINGS.-- (a) A hearing officer assigned by the division shall conduct all hearings under this subsection, except for:</p>	<p>120.57 Additional procedures for particular cases.-- (1) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT.-- (a) Except as provided in ss. 120.80 and 120.81, an administrative law judge assigned by the division shall conduct all hearings under this subsection, except for hearings before agency heads or a member thereof.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)1. Hearings before agency heads or a member thereof except the secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined in chapter 455, or a board or member of a board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined in chapter 455;</p>	<p>120.80(4)(b) Professional regulation.-- Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation, the director of the Agency for Health Care Administration, or a board or member of a board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the Agency for Health Care Administration for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by chapter 455.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)2. Hearings before the Unemployment Appeals Commission in unemployment compensation appeals, unemployment compensation appeals referees, and special deputies pursuant to s. 443.141;</p>	<p>120.80(10)(a)2. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings may be conducted by the Unemployment Appeals Commission in unemployment compensation appeals, unemployment compensation appeals referees, and special deputies pursuant to s. 443.141.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(a)3. Hearings regarding drivers' licensing pursuant to chapter 322;</p>	<p>120.80(8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.-- (a) Drivers' licenses.-- 1. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings regarding drivers' licensing pursuant to chapter 322 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)4. Hearings conducted within the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in the execution of those social and economic programs administered by the former Division of Family Services of said department prior to the reorganization effected by chapter 75-48, Laws of Florida;</p>	<p>120.80(7) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.⁷-- Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings conducted within the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in the execution of those social and economic programs administered by the former Division of Family Services of that department prior to the reorganization effected by chapter 75-48, Laws of Florida, need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)5. Hearings in which the division is a party, in which case an attorney assigned by the Administration Commission shall be the hearing officer;</p>	<p>120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.-- (1) DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.--Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), a hearing in which the division is a party shall not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division. An attorney assigned by the Administration Commission shall be the hearing officer.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)6. Hearings which involve student disciplinary suspensions or expulsions and which are conducted by educational units;</p>	<p>120.81(1)(e) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings which involve student disciplinary suspensions or expulsions may be conducted by educational units.</p>

⁷The Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services was renamed the Department of Children and Family Services by section 5 of Chapter 96-403, Laws of Florida, and the Department of Health was created by section 8 of that law.

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<p>120.57(1)(a)7. Hearings of the Public Employees Relations Commission in which a determination is made of the appropriateness of the bargaining unit, as provided in s. 447.307;</p>	<p>120.80(12) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION.-- (a) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings within the jurisdiction of the Public Employees Relations Commission need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)8. Hearings held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to chapter 601; and</p>	<p>120.80(2)(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to chapter 601 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(a)9. Hearings held by the Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to deny, suspend, or remove a wrecker operator from participating in the wrecker rotation system established by s. 321.051. Such hearings shall be held by a hearing officer appointed by the director of the Division of Florida Highway Patrol.</p>	<p>120.80(8)(b) Wrecker operators.-- Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings held by the Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and motor Vehicles to deny, suspend, or remove a wrecker operator from participating in the wrecker rotation system established by s. 321.051 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division. These hearings shall be held by a hearing officer appointed by the director of the Division of Florida Highway Patrol.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b) In any case to which this subsection is applicable, the following procedures apply: 1. A request for a hearing shall be granted or denied within 15 days of receipt.</p>	<p>120.56(2)(a) A request for a hearing shall be granted or denied within 15 days after receipt.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)2. All parties shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice of not less than 14 days; however, the 14-day notice requirement may be waived with the consent of all parties.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(b) All parties shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice of not less than 14 days; however, the 14-day notice requirement may be waived with the consent of all parties.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)2. In a preliminary hearing for the revocation of parole, no less than 7 days' notice shall be given.</p>	<p>120.81(3)(c) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, in a preliminary hearing for revocation of parole, no less than 7 days' notice of hearing shall be given.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(b)2. In a hearing involving a student disciplinary suspension or expulsion conducted by an educational unit, the 14-day notice requirement may be waived by the agency head or the hearing officer without the consent of the parties.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(g) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, in a hearing involving a student disciplinary suspension or expulsion conducted by an educational unit, the 14-day notice of hearing requirement may be waived by the agency head or the hearing officer without the consent of parties.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)2. The notice shall include: a. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(b) The notice shall include: 1. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)2.b. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(b)2. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)2.c. A reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved.</p>	
<p>120.57(1)(b)2.d. Except for any hearing before an unemployment compensation appeals referee, a short and plain statement of the matters asserted by the agency and by all parties of record at the time notice is given. If the agency or any party is unable to state the matters in sufficient detail at the time initial notice is given, the notice may be limited to a statement of the issues involved, and thereafter, upon timely written application, a more definite and detailed statement shall be furnished not less than 3 days prior to the date set for the hearing.</p>	
<p>120.57(1)(b)3. Except for any proceeding conducted as prescribed in s. 120.54(4) or s. 120.56, a petition or request for a hearing under this section shall be filed with the agency. If the agency elects to request a hearing officer from the division, it shall so notify the division within 15 days of receipt of the petition or request.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(a) Except for any proceeding conducted as prescribed in s. 120.56, a petition or request for a hearing under this section shall be filed with the agency. If the agency requests an administrative law judge from the division, it shall so notify the division within 15 days after receipt of the petition or request.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(b)3. When the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission receives a notice of appeal pursuant to s. 380.07, the commission shall notify the division within 60 days of receipt of the notice of appeal if the commission elects to request the assignment of a hearing officer.</p>	<p>120.80(5) FLORIDA LAND AND WATER ADJUDICATORY COMMISSION.-- Notwithstanding the provisions of s.120.57(1)(a), when the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission receives a notice of appeal pursuant to s. 380.07, the commission shall notify the division within 60 days after receipt of the notice of appeal if the commission elects to request the assignment of an administrative law judge.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)3. On the request of any agency, the division shall assign a hearing officer with due regard to the expertise required for the particular matter. The referring agency shall take no further action with respect to the formal proceeding, except as a party litigant, as long as the division has jurisdiction over the formal proceeding. Any party may request the disqualification of the hearing officer by filing an affidavit with the division prior to the taking of evidence at a hearing, stating the grounds with particularity.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(a) On the request of any agency, the division shall assign an administrative law judge with due regard to the expertise required for the particular matter. The referring agency shall take no further action with respect to the formal proceeding, except as a party litigant, as long as the division has jurisdiction over the formal proceeding. Any party may request the disqualification of the administrative law judge by filing an affidavit with the division prior to the taking of evidence at a hearing, stating the grounds with particularity.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)4. All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, to submit proposed findings of facts and orders, to file exceptions to any order or hearing officer's recommended order, and to be represented by counsel. When appropriate, the general public may be given an opportunity to present oral or written communications. If the agency proposes to consider such material, then all parties shall be given an opportunity to cross-examine or challenge or rebut it.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(b) All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, to submit proposed findings of facts and orders, to file exceptions to the presiding officer's recommended order, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative. When appropriate, the general public may be given an opportunity to present oral or written communications. If the agency proposes to consider such material, then all parties shall be given an opportunity to cross-examine or challenge or rebut the material.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(b)5. All pleadings, motions, or other papers filed in the proceeding must be signed by a party, the party's attorney, or the party's qualified representative. The signature of a party, a party's attorney, or a party's qualified representative constitutes a certificate that he or she has read the pleading, motion, or other paper and that, to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, it is not interposed for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of these requirements, the hearing officer, upon motion or the officer's own initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the other party or parties the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attorney's fee.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(c) All pleadings, motions, or other papers filed in the proceeding must be signed by the party, the party's attorney, or the party's qualified representative. The signature constitutes a certificate that the person has read the pleading, motion, or other paper and that, based upon reasonable inquiry, it is not interposed for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay, or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of these requirements, the presiding officer shall impose upon the person who signed it, the represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the other party or parties the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attorney's fee.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(b)6. The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings; b. Evidence received or considered; c. A statement of matters officially recognized; d. Questions and proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon; e. Proposed findings and exceptions; f. Any decision, opinion, proposed or recommended order, or report by the officer presiding at the hearing; g. All staff memoranda or data submitted to the hearing officer during the hearing or prior to its disposition, after notice of the submission to all parties, except communications by advisory staff as permitted under s. 120.66(1), if such communications are public records; h. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication pursuant to s. 120.66(2); and i. The official transcript. 	<p>120.57(1)(f) The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings. 2. Evidence admitted. 3. Those matters officially recognized. 4. Proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon. 5. Proposed findings and exceptions. 6. Any decision, opinion, order, or report by the presiding officer. 7. All staff memoranda or data submitted to the presiding officer during the hearing or prior to its disposition, after notice of the submission to all parties, except communications by advisory staff as permitted under s. 120.66(1), if such communications are public records. 8. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication. 9. The official transcript or original videotape, depending on the method of preservation.⁸
<p>120.57(1)(b)7. The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding, and, on the request of any party, it shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(g) The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding, and, on the request of any party, it shall make a full or partial transcript or videotape⁹ available at no more than actual cost.</p>

⁸ The words "or original videotape, depending on the method of preservation" were added to s. 120.57(1)(b)6.i. by Section 1 of Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, renumbered s. 120.57(1)(b)6.i. as s. 120.57(1)(f)9.

⁹ The words "or videotape" were added to this sentence of s. 120.57(1)(b)7. by Section 1 of Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, renumbered s. 120.57(1)(b)7. as s. 120.57(1)(g).

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<p>120.57(1)(b)7. In any proceeding before a hearing officer initiated by a consumptive use permit applicant pursuant to subparagraph 14., the applicant shall bear the cost of accurately and completely preserving all testimony and providing full or partial transcripts to the water management district. At the request of any other party, full or partial transcripts shall be provided at no more than cost.</p>	<p>Provision Repealed.¹⁰</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)8. Findings of fact shall be based exclusively on the evidence of record and on matters officially recognized.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(h) Findings of fact shall be based on a preponderance of the evidence, except in penal or licensure disciplinary proceedings or except as otherwise provided by statute, and shall be based exclusively on the evidence of record and on matters officially recognized.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)9. Except as provided in subparagraph 13., the hearing officer shall complete and submit to the agency and all parties a recommended order consisting of the officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, interpretation of administrative rules, and recommended penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law or agency rule to be contained in the final order. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(i) The presiding officer shall complete and submit to the agency and all parties a recommended order consisting of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended disposition or penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law to be contained in the final order. All proceedings conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be de novo. The agency shall allow each party 15 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order.</p>

¹⁰ Section 1 of HB 2723, Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida, purported to amend s. 120.57(1)(b)7 as follows:

In any proceeding before a hearing officer initiated by a consumptive use permit applicant pursuant to subparagraph 14., the applicant shall bear the cost of accurately and completely preserving all testimony and providing full or partial transcripts or videotapes to the water management district. At the request of any other party, full or partial transcripts or videotapes shall be provided at no more than cost.

This entire subparagraph, however, was repealed by CS for SBs 2290 & 2288, Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida. It is not clear at this time what action Statutory Revision may take for the 1996 Supplement, but the apparent legislative intent of Chapter 96-423 was to allow videotapes to be used in lieu of transcripts wherever they were required, not to reenact the provision relating to costs in consumptive use permit application proceedings.

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<p>120.57(1)(b)10. The agency may adopt the recommended order as the final order of the agency. The agency in its final order may reject or modify the conclusions of law and interpretation of administrative rules in the recommended order. The agency may not reject or modify the findings of fact, including findings of fact that form the basis for an agency statement, unless the agency first determines from a review of the complete record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon competent substantial evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with essential requirements of law. The agency may accept the recommended penalty in a recommended order, but may not reduce or increase it without a review of the complete record and without stating with particularity its reasons therefor in the order, by citing to the record in justifying the action.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(j) The agency may adopt the recommended order as the final order of the agency. The agency in its final order may reject or modify the conclusions of law and interpretation of administrative rules over which it has substantive jurisdiction. Rejection or modification of conclusions of law may not form the basis for rejection or modification of findings of fact. The agency may not reject or modify the findings of fact unless the agency first determines from a review of the entire record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon competent substantial evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with essential requirements of law. The agency may accept the recommended penalty in a recommended order, but may not reduce or increase it without a review of the complete record and without stating with particularity its reasons therefor in the order, by citing to the record in justifying the action.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)10. When there is an appeal, the court in its discretion may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party if the court finds that the appeal was frivolous, meritless, or an abuse of the appellate process or that the agency action which precipitated the appeal was a gross abuse of the agency's discretion.</p>	<p>120.595(5) APPEALS.-- When there is an appeal, the court in its discretion may award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs to the prevailing party if the court finds that the appeal was frivolous, meritless, or an abuse of the appellate process, or that the agency action which precipitated the appeal was a gross abuse of the agency's discretion. Upon review of agency action that precipitates an appeal, if the court finds that the agency improperly rejected or modified findings of fact in a recommended order, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs to a prevailing appellant for the administrative proceeding and the appellate proceeding.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)11. If the hearing officer assigned to a hearing becomes unavailable, the division shall assign another hearing officer who shall use any existing record and receive any additional evidence or argument, if any, which the new hearing officer finds necessary.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(a) If the administrative law judge assigned to a hearing becomes unavailable, the division shall assign another administrative law judge who shall use any existing record and receive any additional evidence or argument, if any, which the new administrative law judge finds necessary.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(b)12. A hearing officer who is a member of an agency head may participate in the formulation of the final order of the agency, provided he or she has completed all duties as hearing officer.</p>	
<p>120.57(1)(b)13. In any application for a license or merger pursuant to title XXXVIII which is referred by the agency to the division for hearing pursuant to this section, the hearing officer shall complete and submit to the agency and to all parties a written report consisting of findings of fact and rulings on evidentiary matters. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the report.</p>	<p>120.80(3)(b) In any application for a license or merger pursuant to title XXXVIII which is referred by the agency to the division for hearing, the administrative law judge shall complete and submit to the agency and to all parties a written report consisting of findings of fact and rulings on evidentiary matters. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the report.</p>
<p>120.57(1)(b)14. In any application for a consumptive use permit pursuant to part II of chapter 373, the water management district on its own motion may, or, at the request of the applicant for the permit, shall, refer the matter to the division for the appointment of a hearing officer to conduct a hearing under this section.</p>	
<p>120.57(1)(b)15. Each agency statement defined as a rule under s. 120.52 and not adopted by the rulemaking procedure provided by s. 120.54 which is relied upon by an agency to determine the substantial interests of a party shall be subject to de novo review by a hearing officer.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(e)1. Any agency action that determines the substantial interests of a party and that is based on an unadopted rule is subject to de novo review by an administrative law judge.</p>

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<p>120.57(1)(b)15. A statement shall not enlarge, modify, or contravene the specific provision of law implemented or otherwise exceed delegated legislative authority. The statement applied as a result of a proceeding pursuant to this subsection shall be demonstrated to be within the scope of delegated legislative authority. Recommended and final orders pursuant to this subsection shall provide an explanation of the statement that includes the evidentiary basis which supports the statement applied and a general discussion of the justification for the statement applied.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(e)2. The agency action shall not be presumed valid or invalid. The agency must demonstrate that the unadopted rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is within the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature or, if the agency is operating pursuant to authority derived from the State Constitution, is within that authority; b. Does not enlarge, modify, or contravene the specific provisions of law implemented; c. Is not vague, establishes adequate standards for agency decisions, or does not vest unbridled discretion in the agency; d. Is not arbitrary or capricious; e. Is not being applied to the substantially affected party without due notice; f. Is supported by competent and substantial evidence; and g. Does not impose excessive regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city.

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<p>120.57(2) INFORMAL PROCEEDINGS.--In any case to which subsection (1) does not apply:</p> <p>(a) The agency shall, in accordance with its rules of procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give reasonable notice to affected persons or parties of the action of the agency, whether proposed or already taken, or of its decision to refuse action, together with a summary of the factual, legal, and policy grounds therefor. 2. Give affected persons or parties or their counsel an opportunity, at a convenient time and place, to present to the agency or hearing officer written or oral evidence in opposition to the action of the agency or of its refusal to act, or a written statement challenging the grounds upon which the agency has chosen to justify its action or inaction. 3. If the objections of the persons or parties are overruled, provide a written explanation within 7 days. 	<p>120.57(2) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS NOT INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT.-- In any case to which subsection (1) does not apply:</p> <p>(a) The agency shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give reasonable notice to affected persons of the action of the agency, whether proposed or already taken, or of its decision to refuse action, together with a summary of the factual, legal, and policy grounds therefor. 2. Give parties or their counsel an opportunity, at a convenient time and place, to present to the agency or hearing officer written or oral evidence in opposition to the action of the agency or to its refusal to act, or a written statement challenging the grounds upon which the agency has chosen to justify its action or inaction. 3. If the objections of the parties are overruled, provide a written explanation within 7 days.
<p>120.57(2)(b) The record shall only consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The notice and summary of grounds; 2. Evidence received or considered; 3. All written statements submitted by persons and parties; 4. Any decision overruling objections; 5. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication pursuant to s. 120.66(2); and 6. The official transcript. 	<p>120.57(2)(b) The record shall only consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The notice and summary of grounds. 2. Evidence received. 3. All written statements submitted. 4. Any decision overruling objections. 5. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication. 6. The official transcript or original videotape, depending on the method of preservation.¹¹
<p>120.57(3) Unless precluded by law, informal disposition may be made of any proceeding by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order.</p>	<p>120.57(4) INFORMAL DISPOSITION.-- Unless precluded by law, informal disposition may be made of any proceeding by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order.</p>
<p>120.57(4) This section does not apply to agency investigations preliminary to agency action.</p>	<p>120.57(5) APPLICABILITY.-- This section does not apply to agency investigations preliminary to agency action.</p>

¹¹ The words "or original videotape, depending on the method of preservation" were added to s. 120.57(2)(b)6. by Section 1 of Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida.

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<p>120.57(5)(a) This section does not apply to any proceeding in which the substantial interests of a student are determined by the State University System. The Board of Regents shall establish a committee, at least half of whom shall be appointed by the Council of Student Body Presidents, which shall establish by January 1, 1985, rules and guidelines ensuring fairness and due process in judicial proceedings involving students in the State University System. This section shall not become effective until January 1, 1985.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(f) Sections 120.57 and 120.569 do not apply to any proceeding in which the substantial interests of a student are determined by the State University System. The Board of Regents shall establish a committee, at least half of whom shall be appointed by the Council of Student Body Presidents, which shall establish rules and guidelines ensuring fairness and due process in judicial proceedings involving students in the State University System.</p>
<p>120.57(5)(b) A hearing on an objection to proposed action of the Florida Public Service Commission may only address the issues in dispute. Issues in the proposed action which are not in dispute are deemed stipulated.</p>	<p>120.80(13)(b) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, a hearing on an objection to proposed action of the Florida Public Service Commission may only address the issues in dispute. Issues in the proposed action which are not in dispute are deemed stipulated.</p>
<p>120.57(6) In cases where a conceptual review permit has been issued by a water management district, petitions challenging the issuance of a construction or operating permit implementing the conceptual review permit, upon a motion of a party, shall be subject to expedited review. Within 15 days of filing a motion for expedited review by the district or the applicant, the hearing officer shall, by order, establish a schedule for the proceedings, including discovery, which provides for a final hearing within 60 days of the issuance of the order. Proposed recommended orders must be submitted to the hearing officer, if at all, within 10 days of the filing of the hearing transcript. Recommended orders shall be submitted to the district within 30 days of the last day for the filing of the proposed recommended order. The district shall issue its final order within 45 days of the receipt of the recommended order. If the district grants the construction or operating permit, the permittee may proceed unless judicial review of final agency action is sought pursuant to s. 120.68 and a stay is applied for and issued.</p>	<p>Provision Repealed.¹²</p>

¹²Section 1 of HB 2723, Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida, purported to amend s.

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<p style="text-align: center;">120.575 Taxpayer contest proceedings.--</p> <p>(1) In any administrative proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter as authorized in s. 72.011(1), the taxpayer or other substantially affected party shall be designated the "petitioner" and the Department of Revenue shall be designated the "respondent," except that for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapter 207 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be designated the "respondent" and for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapters 210, 550, 561, 562, 563, 564, and 565 the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall be designated the "respondent."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">120.80(14)(b) Taxpayer contest proceedings.--</p> <p>1. In any administrative proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter as authorized by s. 72.011(1), the taxpayer shall be designated the "petitioner" and the Department of Revenue shall be designated the "respondent," except that for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapter 207 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be designated the "respondent," for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapters 210, 550, 561, 562, 563, 564, and 565 the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall be designated the "respondent," and for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund of a tax imposed under s. 125.0104 or s. 212.0305 by a county that has elected under s. 125.0104(10) or s. 212.0305(5), respectively, to administer the tax, the respondent shall be the county and the Department of Revenue.¹³</p>

120.57(6) in relevant part as follows:

Proposed recommended orders must be submitted to the hearing officer, if at all, within 10 days of the filing of the hearing transcript or hearing videotape.

This entire subsection, however, was repealed by CS for SBs 2290 & 2288, Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida. It is not clear at this time what action Statutory Revision may take for the 1996 Supplement, but the apparent legislative intent of Chapter 96-423 was to allow videotapes to be used in lieu of transcripts wherever they were required, not to reenact the provision relating to expedited review for permit challenges after conceptual review.

¹³ The words "and for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund of a tax imposed under s. 125.0104 or s. 212.0305 by a county that has elected under s. 125.0104(10) or s. 212.0305(5), respectively, to administer the tax, the respondent shall be the county and the Department of Revenue" were added to the last sentence of s. 120.575(1) by Section 43 of Chapter 96-397, Laws of Florida. Subsection 120.575(1) was renumbered as 120.80(14)(b)1. by Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida.

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<p>120.575(2) In any administrative proceeding brought pursuant to s. 120.57, the applicable department's burden of proof, except as otherwise specifically provided by general law, shall be limited to a showing that an assessment has been made against the taxpayer and the factual and legal grounds upon which the applicable department made the assessment.</p>	<p>120.80(14)(b)2. In any such administrative proceeding, the applicable department's burden of proof, except as otherwise specifically provided by general law, shall be limited to a showing that an assessment has been made against the taxpayer and the factual and legal grounds upon which the applicable department made the assessment.</p>
<p>120.575(3)(a) Before a taxpayer may file a petition under this chapter, he or she shall pay to the applicable department the amount of taxes, penalties, and accrued interest assessed by that department which are not being contested by the taxpayer. Failure to pay the uncontested amount shall result in the dismissal of the action and imposition of an additional penalty of 25 percent of the amount taxed.</p> <p>(b) The requirements of s. 72.011(2) and (3)(a) are jurisdictional for any action under this chapter to contest an assessment or denial of refund by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.</p>	<p>120.80(14)(b)3.a. Prior to filing a petition under this chapter, the taxpayer shall pay to the applicable department or county¹⁴ the amount of taxes, penalties, and accrued interest assessed by that department or county¹⁵ which are not being contested by the taxpayer. Failure to pay the uncontested amount shall result in the dismissal of the action and imposition of an additional penalty of 25 percent of the amount taxed.</p> <p>b. The requirements of s. 72.011(2) and (3)(a) are jurisdictional for any action under this chapter to contest an assessment or denial of refund by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, or a county.¹⁶</p>
<p>120.575(4) Except as provided in s. 220.719, further collection and enforcement of the contested amount of an assessment for nonpayment or underpayment of any tax, interest, or penalty shall be stayed beginning on the date a petition is filed. Upon entry of a final order, an agency may resume collection and enforcement action.</p>	<p>120.80(14)(b)4. Except as provided in s. 220.719, further collection and enforcement of the contested amount of an assessment for nonpayment or underpayment of any tax, interest, or penalty shall be stayed beginning on the date a petition is filed. Upon entry of a final order, an agency may resume collection and enforcement action.</p>

¹⁴ The words "or county" were added to the first sentence of s. 120.575(3)(a) by Section 43 of Chapter 96-397 Laws of Florida. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, moved s. 120.575(3)(a) to s. 120.80(14)(b)3.a.

¹⁵ The words "or county" were added to the first sentence of s. 120.575(3)(a) by Section 43 of Chapter 96-397 Laws of Florida. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, moved s. 120.575(3)(a) to s. 120.80(14)(b)3.a.

¹⁶ The words "or a county" were added to the last sentence of s. 120.575(3)(b) by Section 43 of Chapter 96-397 Laws of Florida. Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, moved s. 120.575(3)(b) to s. 120.80(14)(b)3.b.

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<p>120.575(5) The prevailing party, in a proceeding under s. 120.57 authorized by s. 72.011(1), may recover all legal costs incurred in such proceeding, including reasonable attorney's fees, if the losing party fails to raise a justiciable issue of law or fact in its petition or response.</p>	<p>120.80(14)(b)5. The prevailing party, in a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 authorized by s. 72.011(1), may recover all legal costs incurred in such proceeding, including reasonable attorney's fees, if the losing party fails to raise a justiciable issue of law or fact in its petition or response.</p>
<p>120.58 Agency action; evidence, record and subpoenas.-- (1) In agency proceedings for a rule or order: (a)1. Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded, but all other evidence of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible, whether or not such evidence would be admissible in a trial in the courts of Florida. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form, and all testimony of parties and witnesses shall be made under oath.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(e) Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded, but all other evidence of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible, whether or not such evidence would be admissible in a trial in the courts of Florida. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form, and all testimony of parties and witnesses shall be made under oath.</p>
<p>120.58(1)(a)1. Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence, but it shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions. This paragraph applies only to proceedings under s. 120.57.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(c) Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence, but it shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.</p>

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<p>120.58(1)(a)2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., similar fact evidence of other violations, wrongs, or acts is admissible when relevant to prove a material fact in issue, such as proof of motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, or absence of mistake or accident, but it is inadmissible when the evidence is relevant solely to prove bad character or propensity. When the state in an administrative proceeding intends to offer evidence of other acts or offenses under this subparagraph, the state shall furnish to the party whose substantial interests are determined and whose other acts or offenses will be the subject of such evidence, no fewer than 10 days before commencement of the proceeding, a written statement of the acts or offenses it intends to offer, describing them and the evidence the state intends to offer with particularity. Notice is not required for evidence of acts or offenses which is used for impeachment or on rebuttal.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(d) Notwithstanding s. 120.569(2)(e), similar fact evidence of other violations, wrongs, or acts is admissible when relevant to prove a material fact in issue, such as proof of motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, or absence of mistake or accident, but it is inadmissible when the evidence is relevant solely to prove bad character or propensity. When the state in an administrative proceeding intends to offer evidence of other acts or offenses under this paragraph, the state shall furnish to the party whose substantial interests are being determined and whose other acts or offenses will be the subject of such evidence, no fewer than 10 days before commencement of the proceeding, a written statement of the acts or offenses it intends to offer, describing them and the evidence the state intends to offer with particularity. Notice is not required for evidence of acts or offenses which is used for impeachment or on rebuttal.</p>

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<p>120.58(1)(a)3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., in a proceeding against a licensed professional or in a proceeding for licensure of an applicant for professional licensure which involves allegations of sexual misconduct:</p> <p>a. The testimony of the victim of the sexual misconduct need not be corroborated.</p> <p>b. Specific instances of prior consensual sexual activity between the victim of the sexual misconduct and any person other than the offender is inadmissible, unless:</p> <p>(I) It is first established to the hearing officer in a proceeding in camera that the victim of the sexual misconduct is mistaken as to the identity of the perpetrator of the sexual misconduct, or</p> <p>(II) If consent by the victim of the sexual misconduct is at issue and it is first established to the hearing officer in a proceeding in camera that such evidence tends to establish a pattern of conduct or behavior on the part of such victim which is so similar to the conduct or behavior in the case that it is relevant to the issue of consent.</p> <p>c. Reputation evidence relating to the prior sexual conduct of a victim of sexual misconduct is inadmissible.</p>	<p>120.81(4) REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS.-- Notwithstanding s. 120.569(2)(e), in a proceeding against a licensed professional or in a proceeding for licensure of an applicant for professional licensure which involves allegations of sexual misconduct:</p> <p>(a) The testimony of the victim of the sexual misconduct need not be corroborated.</p> <p>(b) Specific instances of prior consensual sexual activity between the victim of the sexual misconduct and any person other than the offender is inadmissible, unless:</p> <p>1. It is first established to the administrative law judge in a proceeding in camera that the victim of the sexual misconduct is mistaken as to the identity of the perpetrator of the sexual misconduct; or</p> <p>2. If consent by the victim of the sexual misconduct is at issue and it is first established to the administrative law judge in a proceeding in camera that such evidence tends to establish a pattern of conduct or behavior on the part of such victim which is so similar to the conduct or behavior in the case that it is relevant to the issue of consent.</p> <p>(c) Reputation evidence relating to the prior sexual conduct of a victim of sexual misconduct is inadmissible.</p>

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<p>120.58(1)(b) An agency or its duly empowered presiding officer or a hearing officer has the power to swear witnesses and take their testimony under oath, to issue subpoenas upon the written request of any party or upon its own motion, and to effect discovery on the written request of any party by any means available to the courts and in the manner provided in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, including the imposition of sanctions, except contempt. However, no agency or its duly empowered presiding officer or any hearing officer has the authority to issue any subpoena or order directing discovery to any member or employee of the Legislature when the subpoena or order commands the production of documents or materials or compels testimony relating to the legislative duties of the member or employee. Any subpoena or order directing discovery directed to a member or an employee of the Legislature shall show on its face that the testimony sought does not relate to legislative duties.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(d) The presiding officer has the power to swear witnesses and take their testimony under oath, to issue subpoenas, and to effect discovery on the written request of any party by any means available to the courts and in the manner provided in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, including the imposition of sanctions, except contempt. However, no presiding officer has the authority to issue any subpoena or order directing discovery to any member or employee of the Legislature when the subpoena or order commands the production of documents or materials or compels testimony relating to the legislative duties of the member or employee. Any subpoena or order directing discovery directed to a member or an employee of the Legislature shall show on its face that the testimony sought does not relate to legislative duties.</p>
<p>120.58(1)(c) Any public employee subpoenaed to appear at an agency proceeding is entitled to per diem and travel expenses at the same rate as that provided for state employees under s. 112.061 if travel away from such public employee's headquarters is required. All other witnesses appearing pursuant to a subpoena shall be paid such fees and mileage for their attendance as is provided in civil actions in circuit courts of this state. In the case of a public employee, such expenses shall be processed and paid in the manner provided for agency employee travel expense reimbursement; and, in the case of a witness who is not a public employee, payment of such fees and expenses shall accompany the subpoena.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(i)3. Any public employee subpoenaed to appear at an agency proceeding shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses at the same rate as that provided for state employees under s. 112.061 if travel away from such public employee's headquarters is required. All other witnesses appearing pursuant to a subpoena shall be paid such fees and mileage for their attendance as is provided in civil actions in circuit courts of this state. In the case of a public employee, such expenses shall be processed and paid in the manner provided for agency employee travel expense reimbursement, and in the case of a witness who is not a public employee, payment of such fees and expenses shall accompany the subpoena.</p>
<p>120.58(1)(d) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of a copy or excerpt if the original is not readily available. Upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(f) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of a copy or excerpt. Upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original, if available.</p>

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<p>120.58(1)(e) If a majority of those who are to render the final order have not heard the case or read the record, a decision adverse to a party other than the agency itself shall not be made until a proposed order is served upon the parties and they are given an opportunity to file exceptions and present briefs and oral arguments to those who are to render the decision. The proposed order shall contain necessary findings of fact and conclusions of law and a reference to the source of each. The proposed order shall be prepared by the individual who conducted the hearing, if available, or by one who has read the record. The parties by written stipulation may waive compliance with this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply in the granting of parole or preliminary hearings for the revocation of parole.</p>	
<p>120.58(1)(f) A party shall be permitted to conduct cross-examination when testimony is taken or documents are made a part of the record.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(h) A party shall be permitted to conduct cross-examination when testimony is taken or documents are made a part of the record.</p>
<p>120.58(2) Any person subject to a subpoena may, before compliance and on timely petition, request the agency or hearing officer having jurisdiction of the dispute to invalidate the subpoena on the ground that it was not lawfully issued, is unreasonably broad in scope, or requires the production of irrelevant material, but the decision of the agency or hearing officer on any such request will not be proposed agency action governed by s. 120.57.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(i)1. Any person subject to a subpoena may, before compliance and on timely petition, request the presiding officer having jurisdiction of the dispute to invalidate the subpoena on the ground that it was not lawfully issued, is unreasonably broad in scope, or requires the production of irrelevant material.</p>

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<p>120.58(3) A party may seek enforcement of a subpoena, order directing discovery, or order imposing sanctions issued under the authority of this act by filing a petition for enforcement in the circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the person failing to comply with the subpoena or order resides. A failure to comply with an order of the court shall result in a finding of contempt of court. However, no person shall be in contempt while a subpoena is being challenged under subsection (2). The court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs and attorney's fees incurred in obtaining the court order whenever the court determines that such an award should be granted under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(i)2. A party may seek enforcement of a subpoena, order directing discovery, or order imposing sanctions issued under the authority of this chapter by filing a petition for enforcement in the circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the person failing to comply with the subpoena or order resides. A failure to comply with an order of the court shall result in a finding of contempt of court. However, no person shall be in contempt while a subpoena is being challenged under subparagraph 1. The court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs and attorney's fees incurred in obtaining the court order whenever the court determines that such an award should be granted under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.</p>
<p>120.59 Orders.-- (1)(a) The final order in a proceeding which affects substantial interests must be in writing and include findings of fact and conclusions of law separately stated, and it must be rendered within 90 days:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the hearing is concluded, if conducted by the agency, 2. After a recommended order is submitted to the agency and mailed to all parties, if the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer, or 3. After the agency has received the written and oral material it has authorized to be submitted, if there has been no hearing. <p>The 90-day period may be waived or extended with the consent of all parties.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(j) Unless the time period is waived or extended with the consent of all parties, the final order in a proceeding which affects substantial interests must be in writing and include findings of fact, if any, and conclusions of law separately stated, and it must be rendered within 90 days:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After the hearing is concluded, if conducted by the agency; 2. After a recommended order is submitted to the agency and mailed to all parties, if the hearing is conducted by an administrative law judge; or 3. After the agency has received the written and oral material it has authorized to be submitted, if there has been no hearing.
<p>120.59(1)(b) Each final order that must be indexed or listed pursuant to s. 120.53 must have attached a copy of the complete text of any materials incorporated by reference; however, if the quantity of the materials incorporated makes attachment of the complete text of the materials impractical, the order may contain a statement of the location of such materials and the manner in which the public may inspect or obtain copies of the materials incorporated by reference.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(b) Each final order that must be indexed or listed pursuant to paragraph (a) must have attached a copy of the complete text of any materials incorporated by reference; however, if the quantity of the materials incorporated makes attachment of the complete text of the materials impractical, the order may contain a statement of the location of such materials and the manner in which the public may inspect or obtain copies of the materials incorporated by reference.</p>

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<p>120.59(1)(c) Each agency order that must be indexed or listed pursuant to s. 120.53 must be sequentially numbered by the agency in the order rendered, according to a numbering system approved by the Department of State pursuant to s. 120.53.</p>	<p>120.53(1)(c) Each agency must receive approval in writing from the Department of State for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The specific types and categories of agency final orders that may be excluded from the indexing and public inspection requirements, as determined by the department pursuant to paragraph (d). 2. The method for maintaining indexes, lists, and final orders that must be indexed or listed and made available to the public. 3. The method by which the public may inspect or obtain copies of indexes, lists, and final orders. 4. A sequential numbering system which numbers all final orders required to be indexed or listed pursuant to paragraph (a), in the order rendered. 5. Proposed rules for implementing the requirements of this section for indexing and making final orders available for public inspection.
<p>120.59(2) Findings of fact, if set forth in a manner which is no more than mere tracking of the statutory language, must be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts of record which support the findings.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(k) Findings of fact, if set forth in a manner which is no more than mere tracking of the statutory language, must be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts of record which support the findings.</p>
<p>120.59(2) If, in accordance with agency rules, a party submitted proposed findings of fact or filed any written application or other request in connection with the proceeding, the order must include a ruling upon each proposed finding and a brief statement of the grounds for denying the application or request.</p>	
<p>120.59(3) If an agency head finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires an immediate final order, it shall recite with particularity the facts underlying such finding in the final order, which shall be appealable or enjoined from the date rendered.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(1) If an agency head finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires an immediate final order, it shall recite with particularity the facts underlying such finding in the final order, which shall be appealable or enjoined from the date rendered.</p>

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<p>120.59(4) Parties shall be notified either personally or by mail of any order; and, unless waived, a copy of the final order shall be delivered or mailed to each party or to each party's attorney of record. Each notice shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing or judicial review that is available under s. 120.57 or s. 120.68, shall indicate the procedure which must be followed to obtain the hearing or judicial review, and shall state the time limits which apply.</p>	<p>120.569(1) Parties shall be notified of any order, including a final order. Unless waived, a copy of the order shall be delivered or mailed to each party or the party's attorney of record at the address of record. Each notice shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing or judicial review that is available under this section, s. 120.57, or s. 120.68, shall indicate the procedure which must be followed to obtain the hearing or judicial review, and shall state the time limits which apply.</p>
<p>120.59(5) If a recommended order is submitted to an agency, the agency shall return a copy of its final order to the division within 15 days after the order is filed with the agency clerk.</p>	<p>120.57(1)(k) If a recommended order is submitted to an agency, the agency shall provide a copy of its final order to the division within 15 days after the order is filed with the agency clerk.</p>
<p>120.59(6)(a) In any proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1), a prevailing party shall be entitled to recover costs from the nonprevailing adverse party, and shall also be entitled to recover a reasonable attorney fee, as provided herein. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a prevailing or nonprevailing party that is an agency.</p> <p>(b) The final order in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) shall award costs and a reasonable attorney fee to the prevailing party only where the nonprevailing adverse party has been determined by the hearing officer to have participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose.</p>	<p>120.595(1)(b) The final order in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) shall award reasonable costs and a reasonable attorney's fee to the prevailing party only where the nonprevailing adverse party has been determined by the administrative law judge to have participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose.</p>

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<p>120.59(6)(c) In all proceedings pursuant to s. 120.57(1), the hearing officer shall determine whether any party, other than a party that is an agency, participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose as defined in this subsection. In making such determination, the hearing officer shall consider whether the nonprevailing adverse party has participated in two or more other such proceedings involving the same nonagency prevailing party and the same project as an adverse party and in which such two or more proceedings the nonprevailing adverse party did not establish either the factual or legal merits of its position and shall consider whether the factual or legal position asserted in the instant proceeding would have been cognizable in the previous proceedings. In such event, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the nonprevailing adverse party participated in the pending proceeding for an improper purpose.</p>	<p>120.595(1)(c) In proceedings pursuant to s. 120.57(1), and upon motion, the administrative law judge shall determine whether any party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose as defined by this subsection and s. 120.569(2)(c). In making such determination, the administrative law judge shall consider whether the nonprevailing adverse party has participated in two or more other such proceedings involving the same prevailing party and the same project as an adverse party and in which such two or more proceedings the nonprevailing adverse party did not establish either the factual or legal merits of its position, and shall consider whether the factual or legal position asserted in the instant proceeding would have been cognizable in the previous proceedings. In such event, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the nonprevailing adverse party participated in the pending proceeding for an improper purpose.</p>
<p>120.59(6)(d) In any proceeding in which the hearing officer determines that a party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose, the recommended order shall so designate and shall recommend the award of costs and attorney fees.</p>	<p>120.595(1)(d) In any proceeding in which the administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose, the recommended order shall so designate and shall determine the award of costs and attorney's fees.</p>

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<p>120.59(6)(e) For the purpose of this subsection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Improper purpose" means participation in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) primarily to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or for frivolous purpose or to needlessly increase the cost of licensing or securing the approval of an activity. 2. "Costs" shall have the same meaning as the costs allowed in civil actions in this state as provided in chapter 57. 3. "Nonprevailing adverse party" shall mean a party that has failed to have substantially changed the outcome of the proposed or final agency action which is the subject of a proceeding. In the event that a proceeding results in any substantial modification or condition intended to resolve the matters raised in a party's petition, it shall be determined that the party having raised the issue addressed is not a "nonprevailing adverse party." The recommended order shall state whether the change is substantial for purposes of this subsection. In no event shall the term "nonprevailing party" or "prevailing party" be deemed to include any party that has intervened in a previously existing proceeding to support the position of an agency. 	<p>120.595(1)(e) For the purpose of this subsection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Improper purpose" means participation in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) primarily to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or for frivolous purpose or to needlessly increase the cost of licensing or securing the approval of an activity. 2. "Costs" has the same meaning as the costs allowed in civil actions in this state as provided in chapter 57. 3. "Nonprevailing adverse party" means a party that has failed to have substantially changed the outcome of the proposed or final agency action which is the subject of a proceeding. In the event that a proceeding results in any substantial modification or condition intended to resolve the matters raised in a party's petition, it shall be determined that the party having raised the issue addressed is not a nonprevailing adverse party. The recommended order shall state whether the change is substantial for purposes of this subsection. In no event shall the term "nonprevailing party" or "prevailing party" be deemed to include any party that has intervened in a previously existing proceeding to support the position of an agency.
<p>120.60 Licensing. -- (1) Unless otherwise provided by statute enacted subsequent to the effective date of this act, licensing is subject to the provisions of s. 120.57.</p>	
<p>120.60(2) When an application for a license is made as required by law, the agency shall conduct the proceedings required with reasonable dispatch and with due regard to the rights and privileges of all affected parties or aggrieved persons.</p>	

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<p>120.60(2) Within 30 days after receipt of an application for a license, the agency shall examine the application, notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions, and request any additional information the agency is permitted by law to require. Failure to correct an error or omission or to supply additional information shall not be grounds for denial of the license unless the agency timely notified the applicant within this 30-day period.</p>	<p>120.60 Licensing.-- (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, an agency shall examine the application and, within 30 days after such receipt, notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions and request any additional information the agency is permitted by law to require. An agency shall not deny a license for failure to correct an error or omission or to supply additional information unless the agency timely notified the applicant within this 30-day period.</p>
<p>120.60(2) The agency shall notify the applicant if the activity for which a license is sought is exempt from the licensing requirement and return any tendered application fee within 30 days after receipt of the original application or within 10 days after receipt of the timely requested additional information or correction of errors or omissions.</p>	<p>120.60(2) If an applicant seeks a license for an activity that is exempt from licensure, the agency shall notify the applicant and return any tendered application fee within 30 days after receipt of the original application.</p>
<p>120.60(2) Every application for license shall be approved or denied within 90 days after receipt of the original application or receipt of the timely requested additional information or correction of errors or omissions unless a shorter period of time for agency action is provided by law. The 90-day or shorter time period will be tolled by the initiation of a proceeding under s. 120.57 and will resume 10 days after the recommended order is submitted to the agency and the parties.</p>	<p>120.60(1) An application shall be considered complete upon receipt of all requested information and correction of any error or omission for which the applicant was timely notified or when the time for such notification has expired. Every application for license shall be approved or denied within 90 days after receipt of a completed application unless a shorter period of time for agency action is provided by law. The 90-day time period shall be tolled by the initiation of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57. An application for a license must be approved or denied within the 90 day or shorter time period, within 15 days after the conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, or within 45 days after a recommended order is submitted to the agency and the parties, whichever is later.¹⁷</p>

¹⁷ Subsection 120.60(1), as amended by Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, was subsequently amended by Section 326 of Chapter 96-410, Laws of Florida.

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<p>120.60(2) Any application for a license which is not approved or denied within the 90-day or shorter time period, within 15 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, or within 45 days after the recommended order is submitted to the agency and the parties, whichever is latest, shall be deemed approved; and, subject to the satisfactory completion of an examination, if required as a prerequisite to licensure, the license shall be issued.</p>	<p>120.60(1) The agency must approve any application for a license or for an examination required for licensure if the agency has not approved or denied the application within the time periods prescribed by this subsection.</p>
<p>120.60(2) The Public Service Commission, when issuing a license, and any other agency, if specifically exempted by law, shall be exempt from the time limitations within this subsection.</p>	<p>120.80(13)(c) The Florida Public Service Commission is exempt from the time limitations in s. 120.60(1) when issuing a license.</p>
<p>120.60(2) Each agency, upon issuing or denying a license, shall state with particularity the grounds or basis for the issuance or denial of the license, except when issuance is a ministerial act. On denial of a license application on which there has been no hearing, the denying agency shall inform the applicant of any right to a hearing pursuant to s. 120.57.</p>	
<p>120.60(3) Each applicant shall be given written notice either personally or by mail that the agency intends to grant or deny, or has granted or denied, the application for license. Unless waived, a copy of the notice shall be delivered or mailed to each party's attorney of record and to each person who has requested notice of agency action. Each notice shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing or judicial review which may be available, shall indicate the procedure which must be followed, and shall state the applicable time limits. The issuing agency shall certify that the notice was given. The certification shall show the time and date the notice was mailed or delivered and shall be filed with the agency clerk.</p>	<p>120.60(3) Each applicant shall be given written notice either personally or by mail that the agency intends to grant or deny, or has granted or denied, the application for license. Unless waived, a copy of the notice shall be delivered or mailed to each party's attorney of record and to each person who has requested notice of agency action. Each notice shall inform the recipient of the basis for the agency decision, shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 or judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68 which may be available, shall indicate the procedure which must be followed, and shall state the applicable time limits. The issuing agency shall certify the date the notice was mailed or delivered and the notice and the certification shall be filed with the agency clerk.</p>

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<p>120.60(4) The provisions of subsection (2) notwithstanding, every application for a certificate of authority as required by s. 624.401 shall be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application. Any application for such a certificate of authority which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period, or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, shall be deemed approved, subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to license.</p>	<p>120.80(9) DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.-- Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), every application for a certificate of authority as required by s. 624.401 shall be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application. Any application for a certificate of authority which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period, or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, shall be deemed approved, subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to licensure.</p>
<p>120.60(5) In proceedings for the issuance, denial, renewal, or amendment of a license or approval of a merger pursuant to title XXXVIII:</p> <p>(a)1. The Department of Banking and Finance shall have published in the Florida Administrative Weekly notice of the application within 21 days of receipt.</p> <p>2. Within 21 days of publication of notice, any person may request a hearing, which upon request shall be conducted pursuant to s. 120.57 except that the Department of Banking and Finance shall by rule provide for participation by the general public; however, the failure to request a hearing within 21 days of publication of notice shall constitute waiver of any right to a hearing, except that the Department of Banking and Finance or an applicant may request a hearing at any time prior to the issuance of a final order.</p>	<p>120.80(3) DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE.--</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), in proceedings for the issuance, denial, renewal, or amendment of a license or approval of a merger pursuant to title XXXVIII:</p> <p>1.a. The Department of Banking and Finance shall have published in the Florida Administrative Weekly notice of the application within 21 days after receipt.</p> <p>b. Within 21 days after publication of notice, any person may request a hearing. Failure to request a hearing within 21 days after notice constitutes a waiver of any right to a hearing. The Department of Banking and Finance or an applicant may request a hearing at any time prior to the issuance of a final order. Hearings shall be conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the Department of Banking and Finance shall by rule provide for participation by the general public.</p>
<p>120.60(5)(b) Should a hearing be requested pursuant to subparagraph (a)2., the applicant or licensee shall publish at his or her own cost a notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application. The Department of Banking and Finance may by rule specify the format and size of such notice.</p>	<p>120.80(3)(a)2. Should a hearing be requested as provided by sub-subparagraph 1.b., the applicant or licensee shall publish at its own cost a notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application. The Department of Banking and Finance may by rule specify the format and size of the notice.</p>

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<p>120.60(5)(c) Notwithstanding subsection (2), and except as provided in paragraph (d), every application for license for a new bank, new trust company, new credit union, or new savings and loan association shall be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application or receipt of the timely requested additional information or correction of errors or omissions. Any application for such a license or for acquisition of such control which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing on the application, whichever is the latest, shall be deemed approved subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to license and approval of insurance of accounts for a new bank, a new savings and loan association, or a new credit union by the appropriate insurer.</p>	<p>120.80(3)(a)3. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), and except as provided in subparagraph 4., every application for license for a new bank, new trust company, new credit union, or new savings and loan association shall be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application or receipt of the timely requested additional information or correction of errors or omissions. Any application for such a license or for acquisition of such control which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing on the application, whichever is later, shall be deemed approved subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to license and approval of insurance of accounts for a new bank, a new savings and loan association, or a new credit union by the appropriate insurer.</p>
<p>120.60(5)(d) In the case of every application for license to establish a new bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association in which a foreign national proposes to own or control 10 percent or more of any class of voting securities, and in the case of every application by a foreign national for approval to acquire control of a bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association, the Department of Banking and Finance shall request that a public hearing be conducted pursuant to s. 120.57. Notice of such hearing shall be published by the applicant as provided in paragraph (b). The failure of any such foreign national to appear personally at the hearing shall be grounds for denial of the application. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and paragraph (c), every application involving a foreign national shall be approved or denied within 1 year after receipt of the original application or any timely requested additional information or the correction of any errors or omissions, or within 30 days after the conclusion of the public hearing on the application, whichever is later.</p>	<p>120.80(3)(a)4. In the case of every application for license to establish a new bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association in which a foreign national proposes to own or control 10 percent or more of any class of voting securities, and in the case of every application by a foreign national for approval to acquire control of a bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association, the Department of Banking and Finance shall request that a public hearing be conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Notice of such hearing shall be published by the applicant as provided in subparagraph 2. The failure of any such foreign national to appear personally at the hearing shall be grounds for denial of the application. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.60(1) and subparagraph 3., every application involving a foreign national shall be approved or denied within 1 year after receipt of the original application or any timely requested additional information or the correction of any errors or omissions, or within 30 days after the conclusion of the public hearing on the application, whichever is later.</p>

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<p>120.60(6) When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license which does not automatically expire by statute, the existing license shall not expire until the application has been finally acted upon by the agency or, in case the application is denied or the terms of the license are limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.</p>	<p>120.60(4) When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license which does not automatically expire by statute, the existing license shall not expire until the application for renewal has been finally acted upon by the agency or, in case the application is denied or the terms of the license are limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.</p>
<p>120.60(7) No revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of any license is lawful unless, prior to the entry of a final order, the agency has served, by personal service or certified mail, an administrative complaint which affords reasonable notice to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the intended action and unless the licensee has been given an adequate opportunity to request a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57. When personal service cannot be made and the certified mail notice is returned undelivered, the agency shall cause a short, simple notice to the licensee to be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county of the licensee's last known address as it appears on the records of the board. If no newspaper is published in that county, the notice may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that county. If the address is in some state other than this state or in a foreign territory or country, the notice may be published in Leon County.</p>	<p>120.60(5) No revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of any license is lawful unless, prior to the entry of a final order, the agency has served, by personal service or certified mail, an administrative complaint which affords reasonable notice to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the intended action and unless the licensee has been given an adequate opportunity to request a proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. When personal service cannot be made and the certified mail notice is returned undelivered, the agency shall cause a short, plain notice to the licensee to be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county of the licensee's last known address as it appears on the records of the agency. If no newspaper is published in that county, the notice may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that county. If the address is in some state other than this state or in a foreign territory or country, the notice may be published in Leon County.</p>
<p>120.60(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a driver's license shall be by personal delivery to the licensee or by first-class mail as provided in s. 322.251.</p>	<p>120.80(8)(a)2. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a driver's license shall be by personal delivery to the licensee or by first-class mail as provided in s. 322.251.</p>

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<p>120.60(8) If the agency finds that immediate serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency suspension, restriction, or limitation of a license, it shall show compliance in its order with the requirements imposed by s. 120.54(9) on agencies making emergency rules. Summary suspension, restriction, or limitation may be ordered, but a formal suspension or revocation proceeding under this section shall also be promptly instituted and acted upon.</p>	<p>120.60(6) If the agency finds that immediate serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency suspension, restriction, or limitation of a license, it shall show compliance in its order with the requirements imposed by s. 120.54(4) on agencies making emergency rules. Summary suspension, restriction, or limitation may be ordered, but a suspension or revocation proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 shall also be promptly instituted and acted upon.</p>
<p>120.60(9) If the Administration Commission grants an exemption from any provision of this section as provided in s. 120.63, the exemption shall be for a single application only and shall not be renewable.</p>	
<p>120.60(10) This section does not apply to certification of employee organizations pursuant to s. 447.307.</p>	<p>120.80(12)(b) Section 120.60 does not apply to certification of employee organizations pursuant to s. 447.307.</p>
<p>120.61 Official Recognition.-- When official recognition is requested, the parties shall be notified and given an opportunity to examine and contest the material.</p>	<p>120.569(2)(g) When official recognition is requested, the parties shall be notified and given an opportunity to examine and contest the material.</p>
<p>120.62 Agency investigations.-- (1) No process, requirement of a report, inspection, or other investigative act or demand shall be issued, made, or enforced in any manner or for any purpose except as authorized by law. Every person who responds to a request or demand by any agency or representative thereof for written data or an oral statement shall be entitled to a transcript of his or her oral statement at no more than cost.</p>	<p>120.62 Agency investigations.-- (1) Every person who responds to a request or demand by any agency or representative thereof for written data or an oral statement shall be entitled to a transcript or recording of his or her oral statement at no more than cost.</p>
<p>120.62(2) Any person compelled to appear, or who appears voluntarily, before any hearing officer or agency in an investigation or in any agency proceeding has the right, at his or her own expense, to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel or by other qualified representatives.</p>	<p>120.62(2) Any person compelled to appear, or who appears voluntarily, before any presiding officer or agency in an investigation or in any agency proceeding has the right, at his or her own expense, to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel or by other qualified representatives.</p>

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<p>120.63 Exemption from act.-- (1) Upon application of any agency, the Administration Commission may exempt any process or proceeding governed by this act from one or more requirements of this act:</p> <p>(a) When the agency head has certified that the requirement would conflict with any provision of federal law or rules with which the agency must comply;</p> <p>(b) In order to permit persons in the state to receive tax benefits or federal funds under any federal law; or</p> <p>(c) When the commission has found that conformity with the requirements of the part or parts of this act for which exemption is sought would be so inconvenient or impractical as to defeat the purpose of the agency proceeding involved or the purpose of this act and would not be in the public interest in light of the nature of the intended action and the enabling act or other laws affecting the agency.</p>	<p>120.63 Exemption from act.-- (1) Upon application of any agency, the Administration Commission may exempt any process or proceeding governed by this act from one or more requirements of this act:</p> <p>(a) When the agency head has certified that the requirement would conflict with any provision of federal law or rules with which the agency must comply;</p> <p>(b) In order to permit persons in the state to receive tax benefits or federal funds under any federal law; or</p> <p>(c) When the commission has found that conformity with the requirements of the part or parts of this act for which exemption is sought would be so inconvenient or impractical as to defeat the purpose of the agency proceeding involved or the purpose of this act and would not be in the public interest in light of the nature of the intended action and the enabling act or other laws affecting the agency.</p>
<p>120.63(2) The commission may not exempt an agency from any requirement of this act pursuant to this section until it establishes alternative procedures to achieve the agency's purpose which shall be consistent, insofar as possible, with the intent and purpose of the act.</p> <p>(a) Prior to the granting of any exemption authorized by this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing after notice given as provided in s. 120.54(1). Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the commission, through the Executive Office of the Governor, shall issue an order specifically granting or denying the exemption and specifying any processes or proceedings exempted and the extent of the exemption; transmit to the committee and to the Department of State a copy of the petition, a certified copy of the order granting or denying the petition, and a copy of any alternative procedures prescribed; and give notice of the petition and the commission's response in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>	<p>120.63(2) The commission may not exempt an agency from any requirement of this act pursuant to this section until it establishes alternative procedures to achieve the agency's purpose which shall be consistent, insofar as possible, with the intent and purpose of the act.</p> <p>(a) Prior to the granting of any exemption authorized by this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing after notice given as provided in s. 120.525. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the commission, through the Executive Office of the Governor, shall issue an order specifically granting or denying the exemption and specifying any processes or proceedings exempted and the extent of the exemption; transmit to the committee and to the Department of State a copy of the petition, a certified copy of the order granting or denying the petition, and a copy of any alternative procedures prescribed; and give notice of the petition and the commission's response in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>

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<p>120.63(2)(b) An exemption and any alternative procedure prescribed shall terminate 90 days following adjournment sine die of the then current or next regular legislative session after issuance of the exemption order, or upon the effective date of any subsequent legislation incorporating the exemption or any partial exemption related thereto, whichever is earlier. The exemption granted by the commission shall be renewable upon the same or similar facts not more than once. Such renewal shall terminate as would an original exemption.</p>	<p>120.63(2)(b) An exemption and any alternative procedure prescribed shall terminate 90 days following adjournment sine die of the then current or next regular legislative session after issuance of the exemption order, or upon the effective date of any subsequent legislation incorporating the exemption or any partial exemption related thereto, whichever is earlier. The exemption granted by the commission shall be renewable upon the same or similar facts not more than once. Such renewal shall terminate as would an original exemption.</p>
<p>120.633 Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering; partial exemption from hearing and notice requirements.-- The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering is exempted from the hearing and notice requirements of s. 120.57(1)(a) and (b), but only for stewards, judges, and boards of judges when the hearing is to be held for the purpose of the imposition of fines or suspensions as provided by rules of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering, but not for revocations, and only upon violations of subsections (1) through (6). The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering shall adopt rules establishing alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable notice, for the following violations:</p>	<p>120.80(4) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.-- (a) Business regulation.-- The Division of Pari-mutuel wagering is exempt from the hearing and notice requirements of ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a), but only for stewards, judges, and boards of judges when the hearing is to be held for the purpose of the imposition of fines or suspensions as provided by rules of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering, but not for revocations, and only upon violations of subparagraphs 1. through 6. The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering shall adopt rules establishing alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable notice, for the following violations:</p>
<p>120.633(1) Horse riding, harness riding, greyhound interference, and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.</p>	<p>120.80(4)(a)1. Horse riding, harness riding, greyhound interference, and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.</p>
<p>120.633(2) Application and usage of drugs and medication to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.</p>	<p>120.80(4)(a)2. Application and usage of drugs and medication to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.</p>
<p>120.633(3) Maintaining or possessing any device which could be used for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.</p>	<p>120.80(4)(a)3. Maintaining or possessing any device which could be used for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.</p>
<p>120.633(4) Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and regulatory agencies of other states.</p>	<p>120.80(4)(a)4. Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and regulatory agencies of other states.</p>

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<p>120.633(5) Assault or other crimes of violence on premises licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.</p>	<p>120.80(4)(a)5. Assault or other crimes of violence on promises licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.</p>
<p>120.633(6) Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.</p>	<p>120.80(4)(a)6. Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.</p>
<p>120.65 Hearing officers.-- (1) There is hereby created the Division of Administrative Hearings within the Department of Management Services to be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the Administration Commission and confirmed by the Senate. The division shall be a separate budget entity, and the director shall be its agency head for all purposes. The Department of Management Services shall provide administrative support and service to the division to the extent requested by the director. The division shall not be subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Department of Management Services in any manner, including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary matters.</p>	<p>120.65 Administrative law judges .-- (1) The Division of Administrative Hearings within the Department of Management Services shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the Administration Commission and confirmed by the Senate. The division shall be a separate budget entity, and the director shall be its agency head for all purposes. The Department of Management Services shall provide administrative support and service to the division to the extent requested by the director. The division shall not be subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Department of Management Services in any manner, including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary matters.</p>
<p>120.65(2) The director has the right to appeal actions by the Executive Office of the Governor that affect amendments to the division's approved operating budget or any personnel actions pursuant to chapter 216 to the Administration Commission, which shall decide such issue by majority vote. The appropriations committees may advise the Administration Commission on the issue. If the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives object in writing to the effects of the appeal, the appeal may be affirmed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the commission members present. The failure of the Executive Office of the Governor to act on a request for action by the director within 21 days after receiving a written request constitutes approval of the request.</p>	<p>120.65(2) The director has the right to appeal actions by the Executive Office of the Governor that affect amendments to the division's approved operating budget or any personnel actions pursuant to chapter 216 to the Administration Commission, which shall decide such issue by majority vote. The appropriations committees may advise the Administration Commission on the issue. If the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives object in writing to the effects of the appeal, the appeal may be affirmed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the commission members present. The failure of the Executive Office of the Governor to act on a request for action by the director within 21 days after receiving a written request constitutes approval of the request.</p>

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<p>120.65(3) Each state agency as defined in chapter 216 and each political subdivision shall make its facilities available, at a time convenient to the provider, for use by the division in conducting proceedings pursuant to this chapter.</p>	<p>120.65(3) Each state agency as defined in chapter 216 and each political subdivision shall make its facilities available, at a time convenient to the provider, for use by the division in conducting proceedings pursuant to this chapter.</p>
<p>120.65(4) The division shall employ full-time hearing officers to conduct hearings required by this chapter or other law. No person may be employed by the division as a full-time hearing officer unless he or she has been a member of The Florida Bar in good standing for the preceding 5 years.</p>	<p>120.65(4) The division shall employ administrative law judges to conduct hearings required by this chapter or other law. Any person employed by the division as an administrative law judge must have been a member of The Florida Bar in good standing for the preceding 5 years.</p>
<p>120.65(5) If the division cannot furnish a division hearing officer promptly in response to an agency request, the director shall designate in writing a qualified full-time employee of an agency other than the requesting agency to conduct the hearing. The director shall have the discretion to designate a hearing officer who is a qualified full-time employee of an agency other than the requesting agency which is located in that part of the state where the parties and witnesses reside.</p>	<p>120.65(5) If the division cannot furnish a division administrative law judge promptly in response to an agency request, the director shall designate in writing a qualified full-time employee of an agency other than the requesting agency to conduct the hearing. The director shall have the discretion to designate such a hearing officer who is located in that part of the state where the parties and witnesses reside.</p>
<p>120.65(6) The director shall have the discretion to designate qualified laypersons to conduct hearings. If a layperson is so designated, the director shall assign a hearing officer to assist in the conduct of the hearing and to rule upon proffers of proof, questions of evidence, disposition of procedural requests, and similar matters.</p>	
<p>120.65(7) By rule, the division may establish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Further qualifications for hearing officers and shall establish procedures by which candidates will be considered for employment or contract. (b) The manner in which public notice will be given of vacancies in the staff of hearing officers. (c) Procedures for the assignment of hearing officers. 	<p>120.65(6) By rule, the division may establish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Further qualifications for administrative law judges and shall establish procedures by which candidates will be considered for employment or contract. (b) The manner in which public notice will be given of vacancies in the staff of administrative law judges. (c) Procedures for the assignment of administrative law judges.

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<p>120.65(8) The division is authorized to provide hearing officers on a contract basis to any governmental entity to conduct any hearing not covered by this section.</p>	<p>120.65(7) The division is authorized to provide administrative law judges on a contract basis to any governmental entity to conduct any hearing not covered by this section.</p>
<p>120.65(9) The division shall have the authority to adopt reasonable rules to carry out the provisions of this act.</p>	<p>120.65(8) The division shall have the authority to adopt reasonable rules to carry out the provisions of this act.</p>
<p>120.65(10) Rules promulgated by the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to this section, s. 120.53, or s. 766.207 may authorize any reasonable sanctions except contempt for violation of the rules of the division or failure to comply with a reasonable order issued by a hearing officer, which is not under judicial review.</p>	<p>120.65(9) Rules promulgated by the division may authorize any reasonable sanctions except contempt for violation of the rules of the division or failure to comply with a reasonable order issued by an administrative law judge, which is not under judicial review.</p>
<p>120.655 Withholding funds to pay for hearing officer services to school boards.-- If a district school board fails to make a timely payment for the services provided by a hearing officer of the Division of Administrative Hearings as provided annually in the General Appropriations Act, the Commissioner of Education shall withhold, from any general revenue funds the district is eligible to receive, an amount sufficient to pay for the hearing officer's services. The commissioner shall transfer the amount withheld to the Division of Administrative Hearings in payment of such services.</p>	<p>120.655 Withholding funds to pay for administrative law judge services to school boards.-- If a district school board fails to make a timely payment for the services provided by an administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings as provided annually in the General Appropriations Act, the Commissioner of Education shall withhold, from any general revenue funds the district is eligible to receive, an amount sufficient to pay for the administrative law judge's services. The commissioner shall transfer the amount withheld to the Division of Administrative Hearings in payment of such services.</p>

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<p>120.66 Ex parte communications.-- (1) In any proceeding under s. 120.57, no ex parte communication relative to the merits, threat, or offer of reward shall be made to the agency head, after the agency head has received a recommended order, or to the hearing officer by:</p> <p>(a) An agency head or member of the agency or any other public employee or official engaged in prosecution or advocacy in connection with the matter under consideration or a factually related matter.</p> <p>(b) A party to the proceeding or any person who, directly or indirectly, would have a substantial interest in the proposed agency action, or his or her authorized representative or counsel.</p> <p>Nothing in this subsection shall apply to advisory staff members who do not testify on behalf of the agency in the proceeding or to any rulemaking proceedings under s. 120.54.</p>	<p>120.66 Ex parte communications.-- (1) In any proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57, no ex parte communication relative to the merits, threat, or offer of reward shall be made to the agency head, after the agency head has received a recommended order, or to the presiding officer by:</p> <p>(a) An agency head or member of the agency or any other public employee or official engaged in prosecution or advocacy in connection with the matter under consideration or a factually related matter.</p> <p>(b) A party to the proceeding, the party's authorized representative or counsel, or any person who, directly or indirectly, would have a substantial interest in the proposed agency action.</p> <p>Nothing in this subsection shall apply to advisory staff members who do not testify on behalf of the agency in the proceeding or to any rulemaking proceedings under s. 120.54.</p>
<p>102.66(2) A hearing officer who is involved in the decisional process and who receives an ex parte communication in violation of subsection (1) shall place on the record of the pending matter all written communications received, all written responses to such communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received and all oral responses made, and shall also advise all parties that such matters have been placed on the record. Any party desiring to rebut the ex parte communication shall be allowed to do so, if such party requests the opportunity for rebuttal within 10 days after notice of such communication. The hearing officer may, if the officer deems it necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received by him or her, withdraw from the proceeding, in which case the division shall assign a successor.</p>	<p>120.66(2) A presiding officer who is involved in the decisional process and who receives an ex parte communication in violation of subsection (1) shall place on the record of the pending matter all written communications received, all written responses to such communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received and all oral responses made, and shall also advise all parties that such matters have been placed on the record. Any party desiring to rebut the ex parte communication shall be allowed to do so, if such party requests the opportunity for rebuttal within 10 days after notice of such communication. The presiding officer may, if necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication, withdraw from the proceeding, in which case the division shall assign a successor.</p>

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<p>120.66(3) Any person who makes an ex parte communication prohibited by subsection (1), and any hearing officer who fails to place in the record any such communication, is in violation of this act and may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 or be subjected to such other disciplinary action as his or her superiors may determine.</p>	<p>120.66(3) Any person who makes an ex parte communication prohibited by subsection (1), and any presiding officer who fails to place in the record any such communication, is in violation of this act and may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 or be subjected to other disciplinary action .</p>
<p>120.68 Judicial review.-- (1) A party who is adversely affected by final agency action is entitled to judicial review.</p>	<p>120.68 Judicial review.-- (1) A party who is adversely affected by final agency action is entitled to judicial review.</p>
<p>120.68(1) For purposes of this section, a district school board whose decision is reviewed under the provisions of s. 231.36 and whose final action is modified by a superior administrative decision shall be a party entitled to judicial review of the final action.</p>	<p>120.81(1)(h) For purposes of s. 120.68, a district school board whose decision is reviewed under the provisions of s. 231.36 and whose final action is modified by a superior administrative decision shall be a party entitled to judicial review of the final action.</p>
<p>120.68(1) A preliminary, procedural, or intermediate agency action or ruling, including any order of a hearing officer, is immediately reviewable if review of the final agency decision would not provide an adequate remedy.</p>	<p>120.68(1) A preliminary, procedural, or intermediate order of the agency or of an administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings is immediately reviewable if review of the final agency decision would not provide an adequate remedy.</p>
<p>120.68(2) Except in matters for which judicial review by the Supreme Court is provided by law, all proceedings for review shall be instituted by filing a petition in the district court of appeal in the appellate district where the agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides. If the appeal is of an order rendered in a proceeding initiated under s. 120.54(4) or under s. 120.56, the agency whose rule is being challenged shall transmit a copy of the notice of appeal to the committee. Review proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.</p>	<p>120.68(2)(a) Judicial review shall be sought in the appellate district where the agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides or as otherwise provided by law. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing a notice of appeal or petition for review in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure within 30 days after the rendition of the order being appealed. If the appeal is of an order rendered in a proceeding initiated under s. 120.56, the agency whose rule is being challenged shall transmit a copy of the notice of appeal to the committee.</p>

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<p>120.68(3)(a) The filing of the petition does not itself stay enforcement of the agency decision, but if the agency decision has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, supersedeas shall be granted as a matter of right upon such conditions as are reasonable, unless the court, upon petition of the agency, determines that a supersedeas would constitute a probable danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the state. The agency may also grant a stay upon appropriate terms, but, whether or not the action has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, a petition to the agency for a stay is not a prerequisite to a petition to the court for supersedeas. In any event, the order shall specify the conditions, if any, upon which the stay or supersedeas is granted.</p>	<p>120.68(3) The filing of a notice or petition does not stay enforcement of the agency decision. The agency may grant a stay upon appropriate terms, but a petition to the agency for a stay is not a prerequisite to a petition to the court for supersedeas. Subject to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, no stay or supersedeas shall be in effect until the party seeking relief files a petition for stay and the agency or court enters an order granting such relief. The order shall specify the conditions, if any, upon which the stay or supersedeas is granted. Where the agency decision has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, a stay shall be granted as a matter of right upon such conditions as are reasonable, unless the agency demonstrates that a stay would constitute a probable danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.</p>
<p>120.68(3)(b) The filing of a petition appealing an order issued by a hearing officer under s. 120.535, whether filed by the agency or any other party, does not stay enforcement of the hearing officer's order, unless the court, upon petition of the agency or other party, determines that a stay is necessary to avoid a probable danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. A stay order shall specify the conditions, if any, upon which the stay is granted.</p>	
<p>120.68(4) Judicial review of any agency action shall be confined to the record transmitted and any additions made thereto in accordance with subsection (6).</p>	<p>120.68(4) Judicial review of any agency action shall be confined to the record transmitted and any additions made thereto in accordance with paragraph (7)(a).</p>

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<p>120.68(5) The record for judicial review shall consist of the following:</p> <p>(a) The agency's written document expressing the order, the statement of reasons therefor, if issued, and the record under s. 120.57, if review of proceedings under that section is sought.</p> <p>(b) The agency's written document expressing the action, the statement of reasons therefor, if issued, and the materials considered by the agency under s. 120.54, if review is sought of proceedings under that section.</p> <p>(c) The agency's written document expressing the action, and other written documents identified by the agency as having been considered by it before its action and used as a basis for its action, if review is sought of proceedings under s. 120.56 or s. 120.565 or if there has been no proceeding under s. 120.54 or s. 120.57.</p>	<p>120.68(5) The record for judicial review shall be compiled in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.</p>
<p>120.68(6) When there has been no hearing prior to agency action and the reviewing court finds that the validity of the action depends upon disputed facts, the court shall order the agency to conduct a prompt, fact-finding proceeding under this act after having a reasonable opportunity to reconsider its determination on the record of the proceedings.</p>	<p>120.68(7)(a) There has been no hearing prior to agency action and the reviewing court finds that the validity of the action depends upon disputed facts;</p>
<p>120.68(7) The reviewing court shall deal separately with disputed issues of agency procedure, interpretations of law, determinations of fact, or policy within the agency's exercise of delegated discretion.</p>	
<p>120.68(8) The court shall remand the case for further agency action if it finds that either the fairness of the proceedings or the correctness of the action may have been impaired by a material error in procedure or a failure to follow prescribed procedure. Failure of any agency to comply with s. 120.53 shall be presumed to be a material error in procedure.</p>	<p>120.68(7)(c) The fairness of the proceedings or the correctness of the action may have been impaired by a material error in procedure or a failure to follow prescribed procedure;</p>

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<p>120.68(9) If the court finds that the agency has erroneously interpreted a provision of law and that a correct interpretation compels a particular action, it shall:</p> <p>(a) Set aside or modify the agency action,</p> <p>or</p> <p>(b) Remand the case to the agency for further action under a correct interpretation of the provision of law.</p>	<p>120.68(7)(d) The agency has erroneously interpreted a provision of law and a correct interpretation compels a particular action; or</p>
<p>120.68(10) If the agency's action depends on any fact found by the agency in a proceeding meeting the requirements of s. 120.57, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact. The court shall, however, set aside agency action or remand the case to the agency if it finds that the agency's action depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent substantial evidence in the record.</p>	<p>120.68(7)(b) The agency's action depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent, substantial evidence in the record of a hearing conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57; however, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact;</p>
<p>120.68(11) If the agency's action depends on facts determined pursuant to subsection (6), the court shall set aside, modify, or order agency action if the facts compel a particular action as a matter of law, or it may remand the case to the agency for further examination and action within the agency's responsibility.</p>	
<p>120.68(12) The court shall remand the case to the agency if it finds the agency's exercise of discretion to be:</p> <p>(a) Outside the range of discretion delegated to the agency by law;</p> <p>(b) Inconsistent with an agency rule;</p> <p>(c) Inconsistent with an officially stated agency policy or a prior agency practice, if deviation therefrom is not explained by the agency; or</p> <p>(d) Otherwise in violation of a constitutional or statutory provision;</p> <p>but the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency on an issue of discretion.</p>	<p>120.68(7)(e) The agency's exercise of discretion was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outside the range of discretion delegated to the agency by law; 2. Inconsistent with agency rule; 3. Inconsistent with officially stated agency policy or a prior agency practice, if deviation therefrom is not explained by the agency; or 4. Otherwise in violation of a constitutional or statutory provision; <p>but the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency on an issue of discretion.</p>

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<p>120.68(13)(a) The decision of the reviewing court may be mandatory, prohibitory, or declaratory in form; and it shall provide whatever relief is appropriate irrespective of the original form of the petition. The court may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Order agency action required by law, order agency exercise of discretion when required by law, set aside agency action, remand the case for further agency proceedings, or decide the rights, privileges, obligations, requirements, or procedures at issue between the parties; and 2. Order such ancillary relief as the court finds necessary to redress the effects of official action wrongfully taken or withheld. <p>(b) If the court sets aside agency action or remands the case to the agency for further proceedings, it may make such interlocutory order as the court finds necessary to preserve the interests of any party and the public pending further proceedings or agency action.</p>	<p>120.68(6)(a) The reviewing court's decision may be mandatory, prohibitory, or declaratory in form, and it shall provide whatever relief is appropriate irrespective of the original form of the petition. The court may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Order agency action required by law, order agency exercise of discretion when required by law, set aside agency action, remand the case for further agency proceedings, or decide the rights, privileges, obligations, requirements, or procedures at issue between the parties; and 2. Order such ancillary relief as the court finds necessary to redress the effects of official action wrongfully taken or withheld. <p>(b) If the court sets aside agency action or remands the case to the agency for further proceedings, it may make such interlocutory order as the court finds necessary to preserve the interests of any party and the public pending further proceedings or agency action.</p>
<p>120.68(14) Unless the court finds a ground for setting aside, modifying, remanding, or ordering agency action or ancillary relief under a specified provision of this section, it shall affirm the agency's action.</p>	<p>120.68(8) Unless the court finds a ground for setting aside, modifying, remanding, or ordering agency action or ancillary relief under a specified provision of this section, it shall affirm the agency's action.</p>
<p>120.68(15) No petition challenging an agency rule as an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority shall be instituted pursuant to this section, except to review an order entered pursuant to a proceeding under s. 120.54(4) or s. 120.56, unless the sole issue presented by the petition is the constitutionality of a rule and there are no disputed issues of fact.</p>	<p>120.68(9) No petition challenging an agency rule as an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority shall be instituted pursuant to this section, except to review an order entered pursuant to a proceeding under s. 120.56, unless the sole issue presented by the petition is the constitutionality of a rule and there are no disputed issues of fact.</p>

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<p>120.69 Enforcement of agency action.-- (1) Except as otherwise provided by statute: (a) Any agency may seek enforcement of an action by filing a petition for enforcement, as provided in this section, in the circuit court where the subject matter of the enforcement is located. (b) A petition for enforcement of any agency action may be filed by any substantially interested person who is a resident of the state. However, no such action may be commenced: 1. Prior to 60 days after the petitioner has given notice of the violation of the agency action to the head of the agency concerned, the Attorney General, and any alleged violator of the agency action. 2. If an agency has filed, and is diligently prosecuting, a petition for enforcement. (c) A petition for enforcement filed by a nongovernmental person shall be in the name of the State of Florida on the relation of the petitioner, and the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply. (d) In an action brought under paragraph (b), the agency whose action is sought to be enforced, if not a party, may intervene as a matter of right.</p>	<p>120.69 Enforcement of agency action.-- (1) Except as otherwise provided by statute: (a) Any agency may seek enforcement of an action by filing a petition for enforcement, as provided in this section, in the circuit court where the subject matter of the enforcement is located. (b) A petition for enforcement of any agency action may be filed by any substantially interested person who is a resident of the state. However, no such action may be commenced: 1. Prior to 60 days after the petitioner has given notice of the violation of the agency action to the head of the agency concerned, the Attorney General, and any alleged violator of the agency action. 2. If an agency has filed, and is diligently prosecuting, a petition for enforcement. (c) A petition for enforcement filed by a nongovernmental person shall be in the name of the State of Florida on the relation of the petitioner, and the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply. (d) In an action brought under paragraph (b), the agency whose action is sought to be enforced, if not a party, may intervene as a matter of right.</p>
<p>120.69(2) A petition for enforcement may request declaratory relief; temporary or permanent equitable relief; any fine, forfeiture, penalty, or other remedy provided by statute; any combination of the foregoing; or, in the absence of any other specific statutory authority, a fine not to exceed \$1,000.</p>	<p>120.69(2) A petition for enforcement may request declaratory relief; temporary or permanent equitable relief; any fine, forfeiture, penalty, or other remedy provided by statute; any combination of the foregoing; or, in the absence of any other specific statutory authority, a fine not to exceed \$1,000.</p>
<p>120.69(3) After the court has rendered judgment on a petition for enforcement, no other petition shall be filed or adjudicated against the same agency action, on the basis of the same transaction or occurrence, unless expressly authorized on remand. The doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply, and the court shall make such orders as are necessary to avoid multiplicity of actions.</p>	<p>120.69(3) After the court has rendered judgment on a petition for enforcement, no other petition shall be filed or adjudicated against the same agency action, on the basis of the same transaction or occurrence, unless expressly authorized on remand. The doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply, and the court shall make such orders as are necessary to avoid multiplicity of actions.</p>

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<p>120.69(4) In all enforcement proceedings: (a) If enforcement depends on any facts other than those appearing in the record, the court may ascertain such facts under procedures set forth in s. 120.68(6).</p>	<p>120.69(4) In all enforcement proceedings: (a) If enforcement depends on any facts other than those appearing in the record, the court may ascertain such facts under procedures set forth in s. 120.68(7)(a).</p>
<p>120.69(4)(b) If one or more petitions for enforcement and a petition for review involving the same agency action are pending at the same time, the court considering the review petition may order all such actions transferred to and consolidated in one court. Each party shall be under an affirmative duty to notify the court when it becomes aware of multiple proceedings.</p>	<p>120.69(4)(b) If one or more petitions for enforcement and a petition for review involving the same agency action are pending at the same time, the court considering the review petition may order all such actions transferred to and consolidated in one court. Each party shall be under an affirmative duty to notify the court when it becomes aware of multiple proceedings.</p>
<p>120.69(4)(c) Should any party willfully fail to comply with an order of the court, the court shall punish that party in accordance with the law applicable to contempt committed by a person in the trial of any other action.</p>	<p>120.69(4)(c) Should any party willfully fail to comply with an order of the court, the court shall punish that party in accordance with the law applicable to contempt committed by a person in the trial of any other action.</p>
<p>120.69(5) In any enforcement proceeding the respondent may assert as a defense the invalidity of any relevant statute, the inapplicability of the administrative determination to respondent, compliance by the respondent, the inappropriateness of the remedy sought by the agency, or any combination of the foregoing. In addition, if the petition for enforcement is filed during the time within which the respondent could petition for judicial review of the agency action, the respondent may assert the invalidity of the agency action.</p>	<p>120.69(5) In any enforcement proceeding the respondent may assert as a defense the invalidity of any relevant statute, the inapplicability of the administrative determination to respondent, compliance by the respondent, the inappropriateness of the remedy sought by the agency, or any combination of the foregoing. In addition, if the petition for enforcement is filed during the time within which the respondent could petition for judicial review of the agency action, the respondent may assert the invalidity of the agency action.</p>
<p>120.69(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, upon receipt of evidence that an alleged violation of an agency's action presents an imminent and substantial threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the agency may bring suit for immediate temporary relief in an appropriate circuit court, and the granting of such temporary relief shall not have res judicata or collateral estoppel effect as to further relief sought under a petition for enforcement relating to the same violation.</p>	<p>120.69(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, upon receipt of evidence that an alleged violation of an agency's action presents an imminent and substantial threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the agency may bring suit for immediate temporary relief in an appropriate circuit court, and the granting of such temporary relief shall not have res judicata or collateral estoppel effect as to further relief sought under a petition for enforcement relating to the same violation.</p>

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<p>120.69(7) In any final order on a petition for enforcement the court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, whenever the court determines that such an award is appropriate.</p>	<p>120.69(7) In any final order on a petition for enforcement the court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, whenever the court determines that such an award is appropriate.</p>
<p>120.695 Notice of noncompliance.-- (1) It is the policy of the state that the purpose of regulation is to protect the public by attaining compliance with the policies established by the Legislature. Fines and other penalties may be provided in order to assure compliance; however, the collection of fines and the imposition of penalties are intended to be secondary to the primary goal of attaining compliance with an agency's rules. It is the intent of the Legislature that an agency charged with enforcing rules shall issue a notice of noncompliance as its first response to a minor violation of a rule in any instance in which it is reasonable to assume that the violator was unaware of the rule or unclear as to how to comply with it.</p>	<p>120.695 Notice of noncompliance.-- (1) It is the policy of the state that the purpose of regulation is to protect the public by attaining compliance with the policies established by the Legislature. Fines and other penalties may be provided in order to assure compliance; however, the collection of fines and the imposition of penalties are intended to be secondary to the primary goal of attaining compliance with an agency's rules. It is the intent of the Legislature that an agency charged with enforcing rules shall issue a notice of noncompliance as its first response to a minor violation of a rule in any instance in which it is reasonable to assume that the violator was unaware of the rule or unclear as to how to comply with it.</p>
<p>120.695(2)(a) Each agency shall issue a notice of noncompliance as a first response to a minor violation of a rule. A "notice of noncompliance" is a notification by the agency charged with enforcing the rule issued to the person or business subject to the rule. A notice of noncompliance may not be accompanied with a fine or other disciplinary penalty. It must identify the specific rule that is being violated, provide information on how to comply with the rule, and specify a reasonable time for the violator to comply with the rule. A rule is agency action that regulates a business, occupation, or profession, or regulates a person operating a business, occupation, or profession, and that, if not complied with, may result in a disciplinary penalty.</p>	<p>120.695(2)(a) Each agency shall issue a notice of noncompliance as a first response to a minor violation of a rule. A "notice of noncompliance" is a notification by the agency charged with enforcing the rule issued to the person or business subject to the rule. A notice of noncompliance may not be accompanied with a fine or other disciplinary penalty. It must identify the specific rule that is being violated, provide information on how to comply with the rule, and specify a reasonable time for the violator to comply with the rule. A rule is agency action that regulates a business, occupation, or profession, or regulates a person operating a business, occupation, or profession, and that, if not complied with, may result in a disciplinary penalty.</p>

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<p>120.695(2)(b) Each agency shall review all of its rules and designate those for which a violation would be a minor violation and for which a notice of noncompliance must be the first enforcement action taken against a person or business subject to regulation. A violation of a rule is a minor violation if it does not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare or create a significant threat of such harm. If an agency under the direction of a cabinet officer mails to each licensee a notice of the designated rules at the time of licensure and at least annually thereafter, the provisions of paragraph (a) may be exercised at the discretion of the agency. Such notice shall include a subject-matter index of the rules and information on how the rules may be obtained.</p>	<p>120.695(2)(b) Each agency shall review all of its rules and designate those for which a violation would be a minor violation and for which a notice of noncompliance must be the first enforcement action taken against a person or business subject to regulation. A violation of a rule is a minor violation if it does not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare or create a significant threat of such harm. If an agency under the direction of a cabinet officer mails to each licensee a notice of the designated rules at the time of licensure and at least annually thereafter, the provisions of paragraph (a) may be exercised at the discretion of the agency. Such notice shall include a subject-matter index of the rules and information on how the rules may be obtained.</p>
<p>120.695(2)(c) The agency's review and designation must be completed by December 1, 1995; each agency under the direction of the Governor shall make a report to the Governor, and each agency under the joint direction of the Governor and Cabinet shall report to the Governor and Cabinet by January 1, 1996, on which of its rules have been designated as rules the violation of which would be a minor violation.</p>	<p>120.695(2)(c) The agency's review and designation must be completed by December 1, 1995; each agency under the direction of the Governor shall make a report to the Governor, and each agency under the joint direction of the Governor and Cabinet shall report to the Governor and Cabinet by January 1, 1996, on which of its rules have been designated as rules the violation of which would be a minor violation.</p>
<p>120.695(2)(d) The Governor or the Governor and Cabinet, as appropriate pursuant to paragraph (c), may evaluate the review and designation effects of each agency and may apply a different designation than that applied by the agency.</p>	<p>120.695(2)(d) The Governor or the Governor and Cabinet, as appropriate pursuant to paragraph (c), may evaluate the review and designation effects of each agency and may apply a different designation than that applied by the agency.</p>
<p>120.695(2)(e) This section does not apply to the regulation of law enforcement personnel or teachers.</p>	<p>120.695(2)(e) This section does not apply to the regulation of law enforcement personnel or teachers.</p>
<p>120.695(2)(f) Designation pursuant to this section is not subject to challenge under this chapter.</p>	<p>120.695(2)(f) Designation pursuant to this section is not subject to challenge under this chapter.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.70 Annual Report. -- Not later than February 1 of each year, the division shall issue a written report to the Administrative Procedures Committee and the Administration Commission, including at least the following information:</p> <p>(1) A summary of the extent and effect of agencies' utilization of hearing officers, court reporters, and other personnel in proceedings under this act.</p> <p>(2) Recommendations for change or improvement in the Administrative Procedure Act or any agency's practice or policy with respect thereto.</p>	<p>120.65(10) Not later than February 1 of each year, the division shall issue a written report to the Administrative Procedures Committee and the Administration Commission, including at least the following information:</p> <p>(a) A summary of the extent and effect of agencies' utilization of administrative law judges, court reporters, and other personnel in proceedings under this chapter.</p> <p>(b) Recommendations for change or improvement in the Administrative Procedure Act or any agency's practice or policy with respect thereto.</p>
<p>120.71 Disqualification of agency personnel.--</p> <p>(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 112.3143, any individual serving alone or with others as an agency head may be disqualified from serving in an agency proceeding for bias, prejudice, or interest when any party to the agency proceeding shows just cause by a suggestion filed within a reasonable period of time prior to the agency proceeding. If the disqualified individual holds the position by appointment, the appointing power may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. If the individual is an elected official, the Governor may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. However, if a quorum remains after the individual is disqualified, it shall not be necessary to appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified.</p>	<p>120.665 Disqualification of agency personnel.--</p> <p>(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 112.3143, any individual serving alone or with others as an agency head may be disqualified from serving in an agency proceeding for bias, prejudice, or interest when any party to the agency proceeding shows just cause by a suggestion filed within a reasonable period of time prior to the agency proceeding. If the disqualified individual was appointed, the appointing power may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. If the individual is an elected official, the Governor may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. However, if a quorum remains after the individual is disqualified, it shall not be necessary to appoint a substitute.</p>
<p>120.71(2) Any agency action taken by a duly appointed substitute for a disqualified individual shall be as conclusive and effective as if agency action had been taken by the agency as it was constituted prior to any substitution.</p>	<p>120.665(2) Any agency action taken by a duly appointed substitute for a disqualified individual shall be as conclusive and effective as if agency action had been taken by the agency as it was constituted prior to any substitution.</p>
<p>120.71(3) The Administration Commission shall adopt rules of procedure to implement this section.</p>	

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.72 Legislative intent; prior proceedings and rules; exception.-- (1)(a) The intent of the Legislature in enacting this complete revision of chapter 120 is to make uniform the rulemaking and adjudicative procedures used by the administrative agencies of this state. To that end, it is the express intent of the Legislature that chapter 120 shall supersede all other provisions in the Florida Statutes, 1977, relating to rulemaking, agency orders, administrative adjudication, licensing procedure, or judicial review or enforcement of administrative action for agencies as defined herein to the extent such provisions conflict with chapter 120, unless expressly provided otherwise by law subsequent to January 1, 1975, except for marketing orders adopted pursuant to chapters 573 and 601.</p>	
<p>120.72(1)(b) Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference in any section of the Florida Statutes to chapter 120 or to any section or sections or portion of a section of chapter 120 shall hereby include, and shall be understood as including, all subsequent amendments to chapter 120 or to the referenced section or sections or portions of a section.</p>	<p>120.72 Legislative intent.-- Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference in any section of the Florida Statutes to chapter 120 or to any section or sections or portion of a section of chapter 120 includes, and shall be understood as including, all subsequent amendments to chapter 120 or to the referenced section or sections or portions of a section.</p>
<p>120.72(2) All administrative adjudicative proceedings conducted pursuant to any provision of the Florida Statutes which were begun prior to January 1, 1975, shall be continued to a conclusion, including judicial review, under the provisions of the Florida Statutes, 1973, except that administrative adjudicatory proceedings which have not progressed to the stage of a hearing may, with the consent of all parties and the agency conducting the proceeding, be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this act as nearly as is feasible.</p>	

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.72(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, all public utilities and companies regulated by the Public Service Commission shall be entitled to proceed under the interim rate provisions of chapter 364 or the procedures for interim rates contained in chapter 74-195, Laws of Florida, or as otherwise provided by law.</p>	<p>120.80(13)(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, all public utilities and companies regulated by the Public Service Commission shall be entitled to proceed under the interim rate provisions of chapter 364 or the procedures for interim rates contained in chapter 74-195, Laws of Florida, or as otherwise provided by law.</p>
<p>120.72(4)(a) All prior rules not adopted following a public hearing as provided by statute shall be void and unenforceable after October 1, 1975, and shall be stricken from the files of the Department of State and from the files of the adopting agency.</p> <p>(b) Any rule in effect on, or filed with the Department of State prior to, January 1, 1975, except one adopted following a public hearing as provided by statute, shall be forthwith reviewed by the agency concerned on the written request of a person substantially affected by the rule involved and this provision. The agency concerned shall initiate the rulemaking procedures provided by this act within 90 days after receiving such written request. If the agency concerned fails to initiate the rulemaking procedures within 90 days, the operation of the rule shall be suspended. This provision shall control s. 120.54(5).</p> <p>(c) All existing rules shall be indexed by January 1, 1975.</p>	
<p>120.721 Effect of ch. 75-22 on rules.-- Any rule or regulation of a public agency involved in or affected by the reorganization of the executive agencies as set forth in chapter 75-22, Laws of Florida, which was valid when adopted under the authority granted by the Legislature to adopt such rule, to the extent it is not inconsistent with chapter 75-22, Laws of Florida, shall remain in effect until it expires by its terms or is specifically repealed or revised as provided by law.</p>	

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
<p>120.722 Legislative intent of ch. 78-95.--</p> <p>(1) The primary purpose of chapter 78-95, Laws of Florida, is to repeal or amend various provisions of the Florida Statutes containing procedural language superseded or made redundant by chapter 120 (the Administrative Procedure Act). Chapter 78-95 is designed to place the provisions affected into conformity with chapter 120, except where expressly noted to the contrary.</p> <p>(2) Any section or subunit of a section repealed by an act of any session shall remain repealed despite any amendment in chapter 78-95. Any act of the 1978 legislative session, other than one resulting from a reviser's bill, that amends any provision affected by chapter 78-95 shall supersede chapter 78-95 to the extent that such amendment conflicts with chapter 78-95.</p> <p>(3) Deletions of references to chapter 120 in chapter 78-95 do not imply that chapter 120 is not applicable; except where expressly noted otherwise, references to chapter 120 are deleted as unnecessary and repetitious.</p> <p>(4) Failure of chapter 78-95 to amend or repeal any provision in the Florida Statutes does not imply that that provision is not in conflict with, superseded by, or unnecessary in light of chapter 120.</p>	
<p>120.73 Circuit court proceedings; declaratory judgments.-- Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to repeal any provision of the Florida Statutes which grants the right to a proceeding in the circuit court in lieu of an administrative hearing or to divest the circuit courts of jurisdiction to render declaratory judgments under the provisions of chapter 86.</p>	<p>120.73 Circuit court proceedings; declaratory judgments.-- Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to repeal any provision of the Florida Statutes which grants the right to a proceeding in the circuit court in lieu of an administrative hearing or to divest the circuit courts of jurisdiction to render declaratory judgments under the provisions of chapter 86.</p>
	<p>120.52(8)(f) The rule is not supported by competent substantial evidence; or</p>
	<p>120.58(8)(g) The rule imposes regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.52(8) A grant of rulemaking authority is necessary but not sufficient to allow an agency to adopt a rule; a specific law to be implemented is also required. An agency may adopt only rules that implement, interpret, or make specific the particular powers and duties granted by the enabling statute. No agency shall have authority to adopt a rule only because it is reasonably related to the purpose of the enabling legislation and is not arbitrary and capricious, nor shall an agency have the authority to implement statutory provisions setting forth general legislative intent or policy. Statutory language granting rulemaking authority or generally describing the powers and functions of an agency shall be construed to extend no further than the particular powers and duties conferred by the same statute.</p>
	<p>120.52(11) "Official reporter" means the publication in which an agency publishes final orders, the index to final orders, and the list of final orders which are listed rather than published.</p>
	<p>120.52(16) "Small city" means any municipality that has an unincarcerated population of 10,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.</p>
	<p>120.52(17) "Small county" means any county that has an unincarcerated population of 75,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.</p>
	<p>120.52(18) "Variance" means a decision by an agency to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of an agency rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Any variance shall conform to the standards for variances outlined in this chapter and in the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5).</p>
	<p>120.52(19) "Waiver" means a decision by an agency not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Any waiver shall conform to the standards for waivers outlined in this chapter and in the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5).</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p data-bbox="873 226 1495 478">120.525(3) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires immediate action, the agency may hold an emergency public meeting and give notice of such meeting by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances and necessary to protect the public interest, if:</p> <p data-bbox="873 485 1495 625">(a) The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution.</p> <p data-bbox="873 632 1495 741">(b) The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure.</p> <p data-bbox="873 747 1495 1035">(c) The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The agency findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p data-bbox="873 226 1490 331">120.536 Rulemaking authority; listing of rules exceeding authority; repeal; challenge.¹⁸--</p> <p data-bbox="873 338 1507 961">(1) A grant of rulemaking authority is necessary but not sufficient to allow an agency to adopt a rule; a specific law to be implemented is also required. An agency may adopt only rules that implement, interpret, or make specific the particular powers and duties granted by the enabling statute. No agency shall have authority to adopt a rule only because it is reasonably related to the purpose of the enabling legislation and is not arbitrary and capricious, nor shall an agency have the authority to implement statutory provisions setting forth general legislative intent or policy. Statutory language granting rulemaking authority or generally describing the powers and functions of an agency shall be construed to extend no further than the particular powers and duties conferred by the same statute.</p>

¹⁸ Section 9 of Chapter 96-159, Laws of Florida, was not given a section number in the Florida Statutes. The Division of Statutory Revision has indicated that it will assign section number 120.536 to this section.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.536(2) By October 1, 1997, each agency shall provide to the Administrative Procedures Committee a listing of each rule, or portion thereof, adopted by that agency before October 1, 1996, which exceeds the rulemaking authority permitted by this section. For those rules of which only a portion exceeds the rulemaking authority permitted by this section, the agency shall also identify the language of the rule which exceeds this authority. The Administrative Procedures Committee shall combine the lists and provide the cumulative listing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Legislature shall, at the 1998 Regular Session, consider whether specific legislation authorizing the identified rules, or portions thereof, should be enacted. By January 1, 1999, each agency shall initiate proceedings pursuant to s. 120.54, Florida Statutes, to repeal each rule, or portion thereof, identified as exceeding the rulemaking authority permitted by this section for which authorizing legislation does not exist. By February 1, 1999, the Administrative Procedures Committee shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report identifying those rules that an agency had previously identified as exceeding the rulemaking authority permitted by this section for which proceedings to repeal the rule have not been initiated.</p>
	<p>120.536(2) As of July 1, 1999, the Administrative Procedures Committee or any substantially affected person may petition an agency to repeal any rule, or portion thereof, because it exceeds the rulemaking authority permitted by this section. Not later than 30 days after the date of filing the petition if the agency is headed by an individual, or not later than 45 days if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings to repeal the rule, or portion thereof, or deny the petition, giving a written statement of its reasons for the denial.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.536(3) All proposed rules or amendments to existing rules filed with the Department of State on or after October 1, 1996, shall be based on rulemaking authority no broader than that permitted by this section. A rule adopted before October 1, 1996, and not included on a list submitted by an agency in accordance with subsection (2) may not be challenged before November 1, 1997, on the grounds that it exceeds the rulemaking authority or law implemented as described by this section. A rule adopted before October 1, 1996, and included on a list submitted by an agency in accordance with subsection (2) may not be challenged before July 1, 1999, on the grounds that it exceeds the rulemaking authority or law implemented as described by this section.</p>
	<p>120.536(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change the legal status of a rule that has otherwise been judicially or administratively determined to be invalid.</p>
	<p>120.54(1)(c) No statutory provision shall be delayed in its implementation pending an agency's adoption of implementing rules unless there is an express statutory provision prohibiting its application until the adoption of implementing rules.</p>
	<p>120.54(2)(b) All rules should be drafted in readable language. The language is readable if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It avoids the use of obscure words and unnecessarily long or complicated constructions; and 2. It avoids the use of unnecessary technical or specialized language that is understood only by members of particular trades or professions.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.54(2)(d)l. An agency may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules. The agency should consider the use of negotiated rulemaking when complex rules are being drafted or strong opposition to the rules is anticipated. The agency should consider, but is not limited to considering, whether a balanced committee of interested persons who will negotiate in good faith can be assembled, whether the agency is willing to support the work of the negotiating committee, and whether the agency can use the group consensus as the basis for its proposed rule. Negotiated rulemaking uses a committee of designated representatives to draft a mutually acceptable proposed rule.</p>
	<p>120.54(2)(d)2. An agency that chooses to use the negotiated rulemaking process described in this paragraph shall publish in the Florida Administrative Weekly a notice of negotiated rulemaking that includes a listing of the representative groups that will be invited to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process. Any person who believes that his or her interest is not adequately represented may apply to participate within 30 days of the notice. All meetings of the negotiating committee shall be noticed and open to the public pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The negotiating committee shall be chaired by a neutral facilitator or mediator.</p>
	<p>120.54(5)(a)3. Agency rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules shall not be filed with the department unless the Administration Commission has approved the exceptions. Each agency that adopts rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules shall publish a separate chapter in the Florida Administrative Code that delineates clearly the provisions of the agency's rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules and specifies each alternative chosen from among those authorized by the uniform rules. Each chapter shall be organized in the same manner as the uniform rules.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.54(5)(b)6. Uniform rules establishing procedures for granting or denying petitions for variances and waivers pursuant to s. 120.542.</p>
	<p>120.54(7)(b) If the petition filed under this subsection is directed to an existing rule which the agency has not adopted by the rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter, the agency shall, not later than 30 days following the date of filing a petition, initiate rulemaking, otherwise comply with the requested action, or provide notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly that the agency will hold a public hearing on the petition within 30 days after publication of the notice. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the comments of the public directed to the agency rule which has not been adopted by the rulemaking procedures or requirements of this chapter, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the rule on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its adoption by the rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter.</p>
	<p>120.54(7)(c) Within 30 days following the public hearing provided for by paragraph (b), if the agency does not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action, the agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Weekly a statement of its reasons for not initiating rulemaking or otherwise complying with the requested action, and of any changes it will make in the scope or application of the unadopted rule. The agency shall file the statement with the committee. The committee shall forward a copy of the statement to the substantive committee with primary oversight jurisdiction of the agency in each house of the Legislature. The committee or the committee with primary oversight jurisdiction may hold a hearing directed to the statement of the agency. The committee holding the hearing may recommend to the Legislature the introduction of legislation making the rule a statutory standard or limiting or otherwise modifying the authority of the agency.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.54(8) Rulemaking Record.-- In all rulemaking proceedings the agency shall compile a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable, copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) All notices given for the proposed rule. (b) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule. (c) A written summary of hearings on the proposed rule. (d) The written comments and responses to written comments as required by this section and s. 120.541. (e) All notices and findings made under subsection (4). (f) All materials filed by the agency with the committee under subsection (3). (g) All materials filed with the Department of State under subsection (3). (h) All written inquiries from standing committees of the Legislature concerning the rule. <p>Each state agency shall retain the record of rulemaking as long as the rule is in effect. When a rule is no longer in effect, the record may be destroyed pursuant to the records-retention schedule developed under s. 257.36(6).</p>
	<p>120.541 Statement of estimated regulatory costs.--</p> <p>(1)(a) A substantially affected person, within 21 days after publication of the notice provided under s. 120.54(3)(a), may submit to an agency a good faith written proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to a proposed rule which substantially accomplishes the objectives of the law being implemented. The proposal may include the alternative of not adopting any rule, so long as the proposal explains how the lower costs and objectives of the law will be achieved by not adopting any rule.</p>
	<p>120.541(2)(e) Any additional information that the agency determines may be useful.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.542 Variances and waivers.-- (1) Strict application of uniformly applicable rule requirements can lead to unreasonable, unfair, and unintended results in particular instances. The Legislature finds that it is appropriate in such cases to adopt a procedure for agencies to provide relief to persons subject to regulation. Agencies are authorized to grant variances and waivers to requirements of their rules consistent with this section and with rules adopted under the authority of this section. This section does not authorize agencies to grant variances or waivers to statutes. This section is supplemental to, and does not abrogate, the variance and waiver provisions in any other statute.</p>
	<p>120.542(2) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.</p>
	<p>120.542(3) The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Administration Commission, shall adopt uniform rules of procedure pursuant to the requirements of s. 120.54(5) establishing procedures for granting or denying petitions for variances and waivers. The uniform rules may include procedures for the granting or denial of emergency and temporary variances and waivers. Such provisions may provide for expedited timeframes in the case of such temporary or emergency variances and waivers.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.542(4) Agencies shall advise persons of the remedies available through this section and shall provide copies of this section, the uniform rules on variances and waivers, and, if requested, the underlying statute, to persons who inquire about the possibility of relief from rule requirements.</p>
	<p>120.542(5) A person who is subject to regulation by an agency rule may file a petition with that agency requesting a variance or waiver from the agency's rule. In addition to any requirements mandated by the uniform rules, each petition shall specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested. (b) The type of action requested. (c) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner. (d) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
	<p>120.542(6) Within 15 days after receipt of a petition for variance or waiver, an agency shall provide notice of the petition to the Department of State, which shall publish notice of the petition in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. The uniform rules shall provide a means for interested persons to provide comments on the petition.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.542(7) An agency shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver within 90 days of its receipt. If such petition is not granted or denied within 90 days of receipt, the petition shall be deemed approved. An order granting or denying the petition shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the agency's action. The agency's decision to grant or deny the petition shall be supported by competent substantial evidence and is subject to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Any proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 in regard to a variance or waiver shall be limited to the agency action on the request for the variance or waiver, except that a proceeding in regard to a variance or waiver may be consolidated with any other proceeding authorized by this chapter.</p>
	<p>120.542(8) Each agency shall maintain a record of the type and disposition of each petition, including temporary or emergency variances and waivers, filed pursuant to this section. On October 1 of each year, each agency shall file a report with the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives listing the number of petitions filed requesting variances to each agency rule, the number of petitions filed requesting waivers to each agency rule, and the disposition of all petitions. Temporary or emergency variances and waivers, and the reasons for granting temporary or emergency variances or waivers, shall be identified separately from other waivers and variances.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.545(10)(a) If the committee objects to a proposed or existing rule, or portion thereof, and the agency fails to initiate administrative action to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule consistent with the objection within 60 days after the objection, or thereafter fails to proceed in good faith to complete such action, the committee may submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a recommendation that legislation be introduced to modify or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, or amend or repeal the rule, or portion thereof.</p>
	<p>120.5454(10)(b)1. If the committee votes to recommend the introduction of legislation to modify or suspend the adoption of a proposed rule, or amend or repeal a rule, the committee shall, within 5 days after this determination, certify that fact to the agency whose rule or proposed rule has been examined. The committee may request that the agency temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, pending consideration of proposed legislation during the next regular session of the Legislature.</p>
	<p>120.545(10)(b)2. Within 30 days after receipt of the certification, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days after receipt of the certification, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule; or b. Notify the committee in writing that it refuses to temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.545(10)(b)3. If the agency elects to temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, it shall give notice of the suspension in the Florida Administrative Weekly. The rule or the rule adoption process shall be suspended upon publication of the notice. An agency shall not base any agency action on a suspended rule or suspended proposed rule, or portion thereof, prior to expiration of the suspension. A suspended rule or suspended proposed rule, or portion thereof, continues to be subject to administrative determination and judicial review as provided by law.</p>
	<p>120.545(10)(b)4. Failure of an agency to respond to committee certification within the time prescribed by subparagraph 2. constitutes a refusal to suspend the rule or to suspend the adoption of the proposed rule.</p>
	<p>120.5454(10)(c) The committee shall prepare bills to modify or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule or amend or repeal the rule, or portion thereof, in accordance with the rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives for prefiling and introduction in the next regular session of the Legislature. The proposed bill shall be presented to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the committee recommendation.</p>
	<p>120.545(10)(d) If a bill to suspend the adoption of a proposed rule is enacted into law, the proposed rule is suspended until specific delegated legislative authority for the proposed rule has been enacted. If a bill to suspend the adoption of a proposed rule fails to become law, any temporary agency suspension of the rule shall expire. If a bill to modify a proposed rule or amend a rule is enacted into law, the suspension shall expire upon publishing notice of modification or amendment in the Florida Administrative Weekly. If a bill to repeal a rule is enacted into law, the suspension shall remain in effect until notification of repeal of the rule is published in the Florida Administrative Weekly.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.545(10)(e) The Department of State shall publish in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly the final legislative action taken. If a bill to modify or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule or amend or repeal the rule, or portion thereof, is enacted into law, the Department of State shall conform the rule or portion of the rule to the provisions of the law in the Florida Administrative Code and publish a reference to the law as a history note to the rule.</p>
	<p>120.56(1)(c) Evidence of good cause includes, but is not limited to, written notice of an agency's decision to modify or withdraw the proposed rule or a written notice from the chair of the committee stating that the committee will consider an objection to the rule at its next scheduled meeting. The failure of an agency to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter shall be presumed to be material; however, the agency may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.</p>
	<p>120.56(2)(c) When any substantially affected person seeks determination of the invalidity of a proposed rule pursuant to this section, the proposed rule is not presumed to be valid or invalid.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.56(3) CHALLENGING EXISTING RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.-- (a) A substantially affected person may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of an existing rule at any time during the existence of the rule.</p>
	<p>120.569(2)(m)¹⁹ An agency may preserve all testimony in a proceeding conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division by use of a court reporter or a video camera pursuant to rules adopted by the division. An agency may preserve all testimony in a proceeding conducted by the agency by use of a court reporter or a video camera. The agency must assure that the video system will reliably preserve the testimony. If the testimony in a proceeding is to be preserved by use of a video camera, the agency shall provide reasonable notice of the use of the video camera to any other party to the proceeding. A party may record the proceeding stenographically at its own expense. A party requesting a copy of the proceeding from an agency shall receive either a transcript or a videotape, depending on the method of preservation. The Administration Commission shall adopt model rules for the use of video cameras to preserve testimony in proceedings not conducted by an administrative law judge.</p>

¹⁹ This language was added as a new subsection to the old 120.57 by HB 2723, Chapter 96-423, Laws of Florida. Since it is a general provision relating to all substantial interest hearings, it was temporarily placed here as a new paragraph 120.569(2)(m). It is not yet clear where this language will ultimately appear.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.57(1)(e)3. The recommended and final orders in any proceeding shall be governed by the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (j), except that the administrative law judge's determination regarding the unadopted rule shall not be rejected by the agency unless the agency first determines from a review of the complete record, and states with particularity in the order, that such determination is clearly erroneous or does not comply with essential requirements of law. In any proceeding for review under s. 120.68, if the court finds that the agency's rejection of the determination regarding the unadopted rule does not comport with the provisions of this subparagraph, the agency action shall be set aside and the court shall award to the prevailing party the reasonable costs and a reasonable attorney's fee for the initial proceeding and the proceeding for review.</p>
	<p>120.57(1)(l) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when statutes or rules impose conflicting time requirements for the issuance of expedited hearings or recommended orders, the director of the division shall have the authority to set the proceedings for the orderly operation of this chapter.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.57(3)(f) In a competitive-procurement protest, no submissions made after the bid or proposal opening amending or supplementing the bid or proposal shall be considered. Unless otherwise provided by statute, the burden of proof shall rest with the party protesting the proposed agency action. In a competitive-procurement protest, other than a rejection of all bids, the administrative law judge shall conduct a de novo proceeding to determine whether the agency's proposed action is contrary to the agency's governing statutes, the agency's rules or policies, or the bid or proposal specifications. The standard of proof for such proceedings shall be whether the proposed agency action was clearly erroneous, contrary to competition, arbitrary, or capricious. In any bid-protest proceeding contesting an intended agency action to reject all bids, the standard of review by an administrative law judge shall be whether the agency's intended action is illegal, arbitrary, dishonest, or fraudulent.</p>
	<p>120.573 Mediation of disputes.-- Each announcement of an agency decision that affects substantial interests shall advise whether mediation of the administrative dispute for the type of agency action announced is available and that choosing mediation does not affect the right to an administrative hearing. If the agency and all parties to the administrative action agree to mediation, in writing, within the time period stated in the announcement for election of an administrative remedy under s. 120.569 and 120.57, the time limitations imposed by s. 120.569 and 120.57 shall be tolled to allow the agency and parties to mediate the administrative dispute. The mediation shall be concluded within 60 days of such agreement unless otherwise agreed by the parties. The mediation agreement shall include provisions for mediator selection, the allocation of costs and fees associated with mediation, and the mediating parties' understanding regarding the confidentiality of discussions and documents introduced during mediation.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.573 If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the agency shall enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the agency shall notify the parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 remain available for disposition of the dispute and the notice shall state with particularity the deadlines for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.</p>
	<p>120.574 Summary hearing.-- (1)(a) Within 5 business days following the division's receipt of a petition or request for hearing, the division shall issue and serve on all original parties an initial order that assigns the case to a specific administrative law judge and provides general information regarding practice and procedure before the division. The initial order shall also contain a statement advising the addressees that a summary hearing is available upon the agreement of all parties under subsection (2) and briefly describing the expedited time sequences, limited discovery, and final order provisions of the summary procedure.</p>
	<p>120.574(1)(b) Within 15 days after service of the initial order, any party may file with the division a motion for summary hearing in accordance with subsection (2). If all original parties agree, in writing, to the summary proceeding, the proceeding shall be conducted within 30 days of the agreement, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2).</p>
	<p>120.574(1)(c) Intervenors in the proceeding shall be governed by the decision of the administrative law judge regarding whether the case will proceed in accordance with the summary hearing process and shall not have standing to challenge that decision.</p>
	<p>120.574(1)(d) If a motion for summary hearing is not filed within 15 days after service of the division's initial order, the matter shall proceed in accordance with ss. 120.569 and 120.57.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.574(2) In any case to which this subsection is applicable, the following procedures apply:</p> <p>(a) Motions shall be limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A motion in opposition to the petition.
	<p>120.574(2)(a)2. A motion requesting discovery beyond the informal exchange of documents and witness lists described in paragraph (b). Upon a showing of necessity, additional discovery may be permitted in the discretion of the administrative law judge, but only if it can be completed not later than 5 days prior to the final hearing.</p>
	<p>120.574(2)(a)3. A motion for continuance of the final hearing date.</p>
	<p>120.574(2)(a)4. A motion requesting a preheating conference, or the administrative law judge may require a preheating conference, for the purpose of identifying: the legal and factual issues to be considered at the final hearing; the names and addresses of witnesses that may be called to testify at the final hearing; documentary evidence that will be offered at the final hearing; the range of penalties that may be imposed upon final hearing; and any other matter that the administrative law judge determines would expedite resolution of the proceeding. The preheating conference may be held by telephone conference call.</p>
	<p>120.574(2)(a)5. During or after any preliminary hearing or conference, any party or the administrative law judge may suggest that the case is no longer appropriate for summary disposition. Following any argument requested by the parties, the administrative law judge may enter an order referring the case back to the formal adjudicatory process described in s. 120.57(1), in which event the parties shall proceed accordingly.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.574(2)(b) Not later than 5 days prior to the final hearing, the parties shall furnish to each other copies of documentary evidence and lists of witnesses who may testify at the final hearing.</p>
	<p>120.574(2)(c) All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative.</p>
	<p>120.574(2)(d) The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings. 2. Evidence received. 3. A statement of matters officially recognized. 4. Proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon. 5. Matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication. 6. The written decision of the administrative law judge presiding at the final hearing. 7. The official transcript of the final hearing.
	<p>120.574(2)(e) The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding and, upon request by any party, shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.574(2)(f) The decision of the administrative law judge shall be rendered within 30 days after the conclusion of the final hearing or the filing of the transcript thereof, whichever is later. The administrative law judge's decision, which shall be final agency action subject to judicial review under s. 120.68, shall include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Findings of fact based exclusively on the evidence of record and matters officially recognized. 2. Conclusions of law. 3. Imposition of a fine or penalty, if applicable. 4. Any other information required by law or rule to be contained in a final order.
	<p>120.574(2)(g) For a period of 2 years following the effective date of this act, the division shall maintain a register of the total number of formal proceedings filed with the division under s. 120.57(1).</p>
	<p>120.595 Attorney's fees.-- (1) CHALLENGES TO AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO S. 120.57(1).-- (a) The provisions of this subsection are supplemental to, and do not abrogate, other provisions allowing the award of fees or costs in administrative proceedings.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.595(2) CHALLENGES TO PROPOSED AGENCY RULES PURSUANT TO S. 120.56(2).-- If the court or administrative law judge declares a proposed rule or portion of a proposed rule invalid pursuant to s. 120.56(2), a judgment or order shall be rendered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that its actions were substantially justified or special circumstances exist which would make the award unjust. An agency's actions are "substantially justified" if there was a reasonable basis in law and fact at the time the actions were taken by the agency. If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees against a party if the court or administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined by paragraph (1)(e). No award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection shall exceed \$15,000.</p>
	<p>120.595(3) CHALLENGES TO EXISTING AGENCY RULES PURSUANT TO S. 120.56(3).-- If the court or administrative law judge declares a rule or portion of a rule invalid pursuant to s. 120.56(3), a judgment or order shall be rendered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that its actions were substantially justified or special circumstances exist which would make the award unjust. An agency's actions are "substantially justified" if there was a reasonable basis in law and fact at the time the actions were taken by the agency. If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees against a party if the court or administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined by paragraph (1)(e). No award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection shall exceed \$15,000.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.60(7) No agency shall include as a condition of approval of any license any provision that is based upon a statement, policy, or guideline of another agency unless the statement, policy, or guideline is within the jurisdiction of the other agency. The other agency shall identify for the licensing agency the specific legal authority for each such statement, policy, or guidelines. The licensing agency must provide the licensee with an opportunity to challenge the condition as invalid. If the licensing agency bases a condition of approval or denial of the license upon the statement, policy, or guideline of the other agency, any party to an administrative proceeding that arises from the approval with conditions or denial of the license may require the other agency to join as a party in determining the validity of the condition.</p>
	<p>120.68(2)(b) When proceedings under this chapter are consolidated for final hearing and the parties to the consolidated proceeding seek review of final or interlocutory orders in more than one district court of appeal, the courts of appeal are authorized to transfer and consolidate the review proceedings. The court may transfer such appellate proceedings on its own motion, upon motion of a party to one of the appellate proceedings, or by stipulation of the parties to the appellate proceedings. In determining whether to transfer a proceeding, the court may consider such factors as the interrelationship of the parties and the proceedings, the desirability of avoiding inconsistent results in related matters, judicial economy, and the burden on the parties of reproducing the record for use in multiple appellate courts.</p>
	<p>120.68(7) The court shall remand a case to the agency for further proceedings consistent with the court's decision or set aside agency action, as appropriate, when it finds that:</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.68(10) If an administrative law judge's final order depends on any fact found by the administrative law judge, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the administrative law judge as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact. The court shall, however, set aside the final order of the administrative law judge or remand the case to the administrative law judge, if it finds that the final order depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent substantial evidence in the record of the proceeding.</p>

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.74 Agency review, revision, and report.²⁰--</p> <p>(1) Each agency shall review and revise its rules as often as necessary to ensure that its rules are correct and comply with statutory requirements. Additionally, each agency shall perform a formal review of its rules every 2 years. In the annual review, each agency must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Identify and correct deficiencies in its rules; (b) Clarify and simplify its rules; (c) Delete obsolete or unnecessary rules; (d) Delete rules that are redundant of statutes; (e) Seek to improve efficiency, reduce paperwork, or decrease costs to government and the private sector; and (f) Contact agencies that have concurrent or overlapping jurisdiction to determine whether their rules can be coordinated to promote efficiency, reduce paperwork, or decrease costs to government and the private sector. <p>(2) Beginning October 1, 1997, and by October 1 of every other year thereafter, the head of each agency shall file a report with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with a copy to each appropriate standing committee of the Legislature, which certifies that the agency has complied with the requirements of this subsection. The report must specify any changes made to its rules as a result of the review and, when appropriate, recommend statutory changes that will promote efficiency, reduce paperwork, or decrease costs to government and the private sector.</p>
	<p>120.80(13)(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, in implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, the Public Service Commission is authorized to employ procedures consistent with that act.</p>

²⁰ Section 120.74 was created by section 46 of Chapter 96-399, Laws of Florida.

Old APA	As Amended by 1996 Session
	<p>120.80(13)(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, s. 350.128 or s. 364.381, appellate jurisdiction for Public Service Commission decisions that implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, shall be consistent with the provisions of that act.</p>