

**SUMMARY OF 2001 AMENDMENTS TO
THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**
Chapter Laws: 2001-75, 2001-91, 2001-158, 2001-278, 2001-279

Chapter 2001-75, Laws of Florida, amended §120.54(1)(i), F.S., to authorize the Department of State to prescribe requirements for incorporating materials by reference in administrative rules.

Chapter 2001-91, Laws of Florida, amended §120.65(1), F.S., to provide that the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims must possess certain qualifications and shall report to the Director of the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Chapter 2001-158, Laws of Florida, added a new paragraph (c) to subsection (14) of §120.80, F.S., providing that in proceedings for the establishment of administrative child support orders pursuant to §409.2563, F.S., final orders shall be entered by the administrative law judge.

Chapter 2001-278, Laws of Florida, created §120.551, F.S., directing the Department of Environmental Protection and the State Technology Office to establish a pilot project to determine the cost-effectiveness of publication of notices on the internet in lieu of complete publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly. The Department is to publish in the Weekly only a summary notice and the Internet address where the complete notice can be found. The law also requires the creation of a searchable Internet database to provide permanent electronic access to all notices published on the web. The Department of Environmental Protection, the State Technology Office, and the Department of State are to submit a report on the project to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2003.

Chapters 2001-279, Laws of Florida, amended §120.80(2)(a), F.S., to exclude certain marketing orders relating to liquefied petroleum gas issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under chapter 527, F.S., from the definition of "rule."