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To Government Operations Committee
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Subject Frequently-Requested Government Operations Laws

This document provides a guide to finding frequently-requested laws that are within the jurisdiction of the Government Operations Committee.

Mandatory referrals to the government operations committee

House Rule 4.13.

Administrative Rules

General laws governing rulemaking. Chapter 14

Exemptions from rulemaking (this is not the same as “exempt rules”). § 14.03

Regulation on the amount of fines or penalties that can be adopted by rule. § 14.045

Obsolete rules. § 14.05, subd. 5, 14.3895

Veto of rules. § 14.05, subd. 6

Variance from rules. § 14.055

Advice of possible rules (the first step in rulemaking). § 14.101

Required reports to legislature. § 14.116

Time limit on adopting rules. §§ 14.125, 14.19

Legislative oversight of rulemaking

Ability to delay adoption of rule § 14.126

Legislative approval of rules impacting small business § 14.127

Government Operations committee objection to rules. § 3.842, subd. 4a.

Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) Review of rules. § 3.305, subd. 8; 3.841 to 3.843

LCC request that agency hold hearing on rules. § 3.843

SONAR (statement of need and reasonableness). §§ 14.131, 14.23

Public hearings. § § 14.14, 14.25

Recordkeeping. § § 14.365, 14.366

Exempt rules. § 14.386

Good cause exempt rules. § 14.388

Expedited rules. § 14.389

Contested cases. §§ 14.57 to 14.69

Judicial review of rules. §§ 14.44 to 14.45

Office of Administrative Hearings. §§ 14.48 to 14.56

Other resources for rulemaking:

Revisor rules status webpage: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/status/>

Revisor Rulemaking Guide

State Register (contains notices of agency rulemaking activity)

“Minnesota Administrative Procedure” hosted online by Mitchell-Hamline law school

Pensions

Pensions commission structure. § 3.85

Investment of pension funds. Chapter 11A

Individual public pension plans and administrative laws. Chapters 352-356B

Other resources for pensions:

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement: <https://www.lcpr.leg.mn/>

Public Employees

Subcommittee on Employee Relations (review/approval of contracts and compensation plans). § 3.855

Compensation of high-ranking officials, chapter 15A

Salary caps, § 15A.0815

Compensation council (not for legislative pay): § 15A.082

Legislative Salary Council (for legislator pay). § 15A.0825

General public employee laws, chapter 43A

Classified employees, § 43A.07

Unclassified employees, § 43A.08

Salary limits, § 43A.17

Political activity by state employees, § 43A.32

Code of ethics for most state employees (use of state property, conflicts of interest, etc.) § 43A.38

Other resources for public employee issues:

Subcommittee on Employee Relations: <https://www.ser.leg.mn/>

Constitutional Officers

Legislature. Chapter 3

Governor. Chapter 4

Secretary of State. Chapter 5

State Auditor. Chapter 6

Attorney General. Chapter 8

Executive Council. Chapter 9

Supreme Court. Chapter 480

Structure and powers of state agencies

General requirements, Chapter 15

Boards, councils, commissions, etc.

What are they? § 15.012

Boards: terms of office, compensation, etc. § 15.0575

Advisory councils: terms of office, compensation, etc. § 15.059

Advisory task forces appointed by agency. § 15.014

Transferring power or duties between agencies. § 15.039

Open appointments process. § 15.0597 to 15.0599

Commissioners, how are they appointed? § 15.06

Senate confirmation. § 15.066

State contracting

General requirements, chapter 16C

Conflicts of interest. § 16C.04

Professional and technical services, § 16C.08

Best value for construction contracts, § 16C.28

Design-build. § 16C.32 to 16C.33

Bid preferences (small business, vet owned, etc.). § 16C.16

State information technology

Office of MN.IT Services, Chapter 16E

Cybersecurity, § 16E.03, subd. 7

Emergency management

General process and emergency powers. Chapter 12.

Order of succession to governor. Minn. Const. Art. 5, § 5; statute § 4.06

Continuity of legislature. § 3.93 to 3.96

Moving seat of government following attack. § 1.26

State Government History and Recognitions

Various days and weeks of recognition. §§ 10.50-10.595

State symbols (flag, flower, tree, mushroom, muffin, soil, etc.). § 1.135 to 1.1499

State historic sites, monuments, districts, etc.: §§ 138.51-138.138.766

Flags at half-staff. § 1.51

State Poet Laureate. § 4.60