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The administrative rules and regulations promulgated by any State officer or agency must be submitted to the Attorney General for review before they may become effective (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 9). The sembly, and to all departments, boards, or commissions of the State,

before they may become effective (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 9). The Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Subversive Activities Act (Code 1957, Art. 85A, secs. 1-19).

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