

RULE AFTER ITS INITIAL PUBLICATION, THE AGENCY SHALL PUBLISH THE REVISED RULE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN ~~THE AGENCY'S~~ WASHINGTON COUNTY AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RULE.

234.

(A) EACH AGENCY SHALL ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE FORMAL AND INFORMAL PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBTITLE. THE RULES SHALL INCLUDE RULES OF PRACTICE BEFORE THE AGENCY TOGETHER WITH FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS. THE RULES AND PROCEDURES MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED OR IMPLEMENTED SO AS TO INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHT OF ANY LAWYER TO PRACTICE BEFORE ANY AGENCY OR SO AS TO GRANT THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE LAW TO ANY PERSON NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO SO.

(B) TO ASSIST INTERESTED PERSONS DEALING WITH IT, EACH AGENCY SHALL SO FAR AS PRACTICABLE SUPPLEMENT ITS RULES WITH DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENTS OF ITS PROCEDURES.

235.

(A) A RULE MAY NOT BE ENFORCED UNLESS A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE RULE IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ~~THE AGENCY'S~~ WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

(B) A RULE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON FILING UNLESS A LATER DATE IS REQUIRED BY STATUTE OR SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

(C) THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SHALL KEEP A SEPARATE BINDER FOR AGENCY RULES. THE BINDER SHALL BE INDEXED BY AGENCY.

(D) EVERY AGENCY SHALL COMPILE, INDEX AND PUBLISH ITS RULES. THE COMPILATION SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTED AT LEAST ANNUALLY. COPIES OF ALL RULES SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE AGENCY.

(E) COPIES OF ALL RULES SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THE COST OF REPRODUCTION.

236.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY PETITION AN AGENCY REQUESTING THE PROMULGATION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF ANY RULE. EACH AGENCY SHALL PRESCRIBE BY RULE THE FORM FOR SUCH PETITIONS AND THE PROCEDURE FOR THEIR SUBMISSION, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION.

237.

(A) THE VALIDITY OF ANY RULE MAY BE DETERMINED UPON PETITION FOR A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ADDRESSED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ~~THE AGENCY'S~~ WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE DECLARATORY JUDGMENT MAY BE RENDERED WHETHER OR NOT THE PETITIONER HAS FIRST REQUESTED THE AGENCY TO PASS UPON THE VALIDITY OF THE