

However, the first sentence of former § 247, as it related to local units, now appears in Art. 24, § 3-101 of the Code. While the second sentence of former § 247 could be read to require local governmental units, other than the "multicounty commissions", to carry out this duty through former Art. 41, §§ 256B through 256T, this reading seemed unintended. Rather the former, specific reference to those commissions seemed to be included since, in the third sentence of former Art. 41, § 244(a), the word "[a]gency" was defined to include these units. See revisor's note to § 10-217 of this title. Therefore, the second sentence of former § 247 is not revised in Art. 24, § 3-101 of the Code, but is deleted.

The third sentence of former Art. 41, § 247, which limited the effect of the former section on the power to adopt regulations affecting "internal administration", is deleted as unnecessary, since the word "regulation" is defined expressly to exclude statements as to internal administration.

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT -- CONTESTED CASES.

10-201. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the introductory language of former Art. 41, § 244.

(B) AGENCY.

"AGENCY" MEANS:

(1) AN OFFICER OR UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ADJUDICATE CONTESTED CASES; OR

(2) A UNIT THAT:

(I) IS CREATED BY GENERAL LAW;

(II) OPERATES IN AT LEAST 2 COUNTIES; AND

(III) IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ADJUDICATE CONTESTED CASES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the third sentence and the first clause of the first sentence of former Art. 41, § 244(a).

In item (2)(ii) of this subsection, the defined term "count[ies]" is substituted for the former phrase