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HB 2845: administrative rules oversight committee; staff

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Overview

Changes the staff for the *Administrative Rules Oversight Committee* (AROC) from Legislative Council to the directors of research staff for the Arizona State Senate and House of Representatives or their designees.

History

Statute designates AROC to oversee the adoption of rules by state agencies. The 11-member committee includes: 1) five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker; 2) five members of the Senate appointed by the President; 3) the Governor or designee. Legislative Council serves as the staff for AROC ([A.R.S. 41-1046](#)).

Statute prohibits state agencies from conducting rulemaking without prior written approval of the Governor. State agencies may not adopt any new rule that would increase existing regulatory burdens on the free exercise of property rights or the freedom to engage in lawful business or occupation unless: 1) the rule reduces regulatory restraints or burdens; or 2) is necessary to implement statutes or is required by a final court order or decision (A.R.S. §§ [41-1038](#), [41039](#)).

Prior to submitting rulemaking to the Council, state agencies must hold a public comment period and receive final written approval from the Governor. The Council cannot consider rules submitted by state agencies without receiving the Governor's initial and final approval of the rulemaking. Additionally, state agencies must also recommend three rules for the Governor to eliminate for every additional rule requested. Rules that are necessary to secure or maintain assumption of federal regulatory programs, comply with an auditor general recommendation or address a new statutory requirement are exempt from consideration. State agencies additionally may not publicize any directives, policy statements, documents or forms on its website unless authorized by statute or rule ([A.R.S. § 41-1039](#)).

The [Council](#) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor. Their primary responsibilities are reviewing new rules or amendments proposed by state agencies and reviewing existing agency rules every five years on a rotating basis to determine if they are still necessary and effective.

Provisions

1. Specifies that the directors of the research staff of the Senate and House of Representatives will serve as staff for AROC rather than Legislative Council. (Sec. 1)

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