

77-416. Filing rules and regulations; numbering; citation of statutory authority; economic impact statement; documents adopted by reference; review of economic impact statement by director of the budget; environmental benefit and economic impact statement; authority of secretary of state.

(a) Every state agency shall file with the secretary of state every rule and regulation adopted by it and every amendment and revocation thereof in the manner prescribed by the secretary of state. Each rule and regulation shall include a citation to the statutory section or sections being implemented or interpreted and a citation of the authority pursuant to which it, or any part thereof, was adopted. Every rule and regulation filed in the office of the secretary of state shall be accompanied by a copy of the economic impact statement required by subsection (b) and a copy of the environmental benefit statement if required by subsection (d). A copy of any document adopted by reference in a rule and regulation shall be available from the state agency which adopted the rule and regulation upon request by any person interested therein. The state agency, under the direction of the secretary of state, shall number each section with a distinguishing number and, in making a compilation of the rules and regulations, the sections shall be arranged in numerical order. A decimal system of numbering shall be prohibited.

(b) (1) At the time of drafting a proposed rule and regulation or amendment to an existing rule and regulation, the state agency shall consider the economic impact of such proposed rule and regulation or amendment upon all governmental agencies or units and all persons which will be subject thereto and upon the general public. Prior to giving notice of a hearing on a proposed rule and regulation, the state agency shall prepare an economic impact statement that shall include:

(A) A brief description of the proposed rules and regulations and what is intended to be accomplished by their adoption;

(B) whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law;

(C) a description of the cost, the persons who will bear the costs and those who will be affected by the proposed rules and regulations, including the agency proposing the rules and regulations, other governmental agencies or units, private citizens and consumers of the products or services which are the subject of the rules and regulations or the enforcement thereof; and

(D) a description of any less costly or less intrusive methods that were considered by the state agency for achieving the stated purpose of the rules and regulations and why such methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rules and regulations. The state agency may consult with other state agencies when preparing the economic impact statement.

(2) The state agency shall consult with the League of Kansas municipalities, Kansas association of counties and the Kansas association of school boards, as appropriate, when preparing the economic impact statement of a proposed rule and regulation which increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts which will increase their expenditures or fiscal liability.

(3) The state agency shall reevaluate and, when necessary, update the statement at the time of filing a rule and regulation with the secretary of state. If a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of the rule and regulation, a state agency at the time of filing a rule and regulation with the secretary of state shall include as a part of the economic impact statement a statement specifying the time and place at which the hearing was held and the attendance at the hearing. A copy of the current economic impact statement shall be available from the state agency upon request by any party interested therein.

(c) Upon request of the state rules and regulations board, the joint committee on administrative rules and regulations or the chairperson of either committee or board, the director of the budget shall review the economic impact statement prepared by any state agency and shall prepare a supplemental or revised statement. If possible, the supplemental or revised statement shall include a reliable estimate in dollars of the anticipated change in revenues and expenditures of the state. It also shall include a statement, if determinable or reasonably foreseeable, of the immediate and long-range economic impact of the rule and regulation upon persons subject thereto, small employers and the general public. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the statement shall set forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. Every state agency is directed to cooperate with the division of the budget in the preparation of any statement pursuant to this subsection when, and to the extent, requested by the director of the budget.

(d) At the time of drafting a proposed environmental rule and regulation or amendment to an existing environmental rule and regulation, the state agency shall consider the environmental benefit of such proposed rule and regulation or amendment. Prior to giving notice of a hearing on a proposed rule and regulation, the state agency shall prepare an environmental benefit statement that shall include a description of the need for and the environmental benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed rule and regulation or amendment. The description shall summarize, when applicable, research indicating the level of risk to the public health or the environment being removed or controlled by the proposed rule and regulation or amendment. When specific contaminants are to be controlled by the proposed rule and regulation or amendment, the description shall indicate the level at which the contaminants are considered harmful according to currently available research. The state agency may consult with other state agencies when preparing the environmental benefit statement. The state agency shall reevaluate and, when necessary, update the statement at the time of filing a rule and regulation with the secretary of state. A copy of the current environmental benefit statement shall be available from the state agency upon request by any party interested therein.

(e) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), the economic impact statement for all environmental rules and regulations shall include:

(1) A description of the capital and annual costs of compliance with the proposed rules and regulations, and the persons who will bear those costs;

(2) a description of the initial and annual costs of implementing and enforcing the proposed rules and regulations, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and the state agencies, other governmental agencies or other persons or entities who will bear the costs;

(3) a description of the costs which would likely accrue if the proposed rules and regulations are not adopted, the persons who will bear the costs and those who will be affected by the failure to adopt the rules and regulations; and

(4) a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the costs used in the statement.

History: L. 1965, ch. 506, § 2; L. 1976, ch. 415, § 1; L. 1977, ch. 321, § 2; L. 1979, ch. 304, § 1; L. 1980, ch. 304, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 366, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 386, § 2; L. 1983, ch. 307, § 2; L. 1984, ch. 346, § 1; L. 1988, ch. 366, § 29; L. 1994, ch. 232, § 4; L. 1995, ch. 171, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 11, § 1; L. 2008, ch. 25, § 2; L. 2010, ch. 95, § 4; July 1.