

ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD, IOWA[351]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to declaratory orders and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 12, “Declaratory Orders,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapters 17A and 68B.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 17A, 68A, and 68B.

Purpose and Summary

The Iowa Administrative Procedure Act has long required agencies to adopt rules regarding procedures for declaratory orders. To satisfy these obligations, the Board promulgated Chapter 12 consistent with the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure.

However, 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2370, sections 4 and 12, repealed related requirements and enacted a new Iowa Code section, respectively. The new section states that the Administrative Rules Coordinator, in partnership with the Iowa Attorney General’s Office, may adopt a new set of uniform model rules that will automatically apply to agencies in the absence of self-promulgated rules (more information can be found in Iowa Code section 17A.24 as enacted by 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2370).

Accordingly, the Board is proposing to rescind Chapter 12 consistent with the principles of Executive Order 10 as being either unauthorized or unnecessary. The Board will instead operate under the new model rules and other applicable laws.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on October 1, 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 21, 2025

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.9A and 7—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 26, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Des Moines, Iowa 50319
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Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 24, 2026 11 to 11:30 a.m.	Via virtual meeting/videoconference meet.google.com/ixy-hbtz-pgq Or dial: 940.242.1362 Passcode: 547 791 510#
March 26, 2026 11 to 11:30 a.m.	Via virtual meeting/videoconference meet.google.com/hpp-udyp-wmx Or dial: 786.577.9483 Passcode: 538 299 136#

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **351—Chapter 12**.