

17A.8 Administrative rules review committee.

1. There is created the "Administrative Rules Review Committee." The committee shall be bipartisan and shall be composed of the following members:

a. Five senators appointed by the majority leader of the senate.

b. Five representatives appointed by the speaker of the house.

2. A committee member shall be appointed prior to the adjournment of a regular session convened in an odd-numbered year. The term of office shall be for four years beginning May 1 of the year of appointment. However, a member shall serve until a successor is appointed. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the remainder of the term. A vacancy shall exist whenever a committee member ceases to be a member of the house from which the member was appointed.

3. A committee member shall be paid the per diem specified in section 2.10, subsection 5, for each day in attendance and shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses. There is appropriated from money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated an amount sufficient to pay costs incurred under this section.

4. The committee shall choose a chairperson from its membership and prescribe its rules of procedure. The committee may employ a secretary or may appoint the administrative code editor or a designee to act as secretary.

5. A regular committee meeting shall be held at the seat of government on the second Tuesday of each month. Unless impracticable, in advance of each such meeting the subject matter to be considered shall be published in the Iowa administrative bulletin. A special committee meeting may be called by the chairperson at any place in the state and at any time. Unless impracticable, in advance of each special meeting notice of the time and place of such meeting and the subject matter to be considered shall be published in the Iowa administrative bulletin.

6. The committee shall meet for the purpose of selectively reviewing rules, whether proposed or in effect. A regular or special committee meeting shall be open to the public and an interested person may be heard and present evidence. The committee may require a representative of an agency whose rule or proposed rule is under consideration to attend a committee meeting.

7. The committee may refer a rule to the speaker of the house and the president of the senate at the next regular session of the general assembly. The speaker and the president shall refer such a rule to the appropriate standing committee of the general assembly.

8. If the committee finds objection to a rule, it may utilize the procedure provided in section 17A.4, subsection 5. In addition or in the alternative, the committee may include in the referral, under subsection 7, a recommendation that this rule be overcome by statute. If the committee of the general assembly to which a rule is referred finds objection to the referred rule, it may recommend to the general assembly that this rule be overcome by statute. This section shall not be construed to prevent a committee of the general assembly from reviewing a rule on its own motion.

9. Upon a vote of two-thirds of its members, the administrative rules review committee may delay the effective date of a rule until the adjournment of the next regular session of the general assembly. The committee shall refer a rule whose effective date has been delayed to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate who shall refer the rule to the appropriate standing committees of the general assembly. A standing committee shall review a rule within twenty-one days after the rule is referred to the committee by the speaker of the house of representatives or the president of the senate and shall take formal committee action by sponsoring a joint resolution to disapprove the rule, by proposing

legislation relating to the rule, or by refusing to propose a joint resolution or legislation concerning the rule. The standing committee shall inform the administrative rules review committee of the committee action taken concerning the rule. If the general assembly has not disapproved of the rule by a joint resolution, the rule shall become effective. The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall notify the administrative code editor of the final disposition of each rule delayed pursuant to this subsection. If a rule is disapproved, it shall not become effective and the agency shall rescind the rule. This section shall not apply to rules made effective under section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

[C54, 58, 62, § 17A.2; C66, 71, 73, § 17A.217A.4, 17A.10; C75, 77, 79, 81, § 17A.8]

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 2024, 2039; 91 Acts, ch 258, § 2123; 95 Acts, ch 49, § 1; 98 Acts, ch 1202, §12, 46; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §30, 49