

**185—10.7(17A) Presiding officer.**

**10.7(1) *Administrative law judge.*** The administrator may appoint an administrative law judge as presiding officer in all contested case hearings pursuant to Iowa Code sections 123.32 and 123.39.

**10.7(2) *Appeal.*** Except as provided otherwise by another provision of law, all rulings by an administrative law judge acting as presiding officer are subject to appeal to the administrator. A party must seek any available intra-agency appeal in order to exhaust adequate administrative remedies.

**10.7(3) *Administrator's review.*** Unless otherwise provided by law, the administrator, when reviewing a proposed decision upon intra-agency appeal, shall have the powers of and shall comply with the provisions of this chapter which apply to presiding officers.

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