

**721—3.2(17A) Definitions.** As used in these rules:

*“Agency”* means the secretary of state.

*“Contested case”* means a proceeding, including licensing, in which the legal rights, duties or privileges of a party are required by constitution or statutes to be determined by an agency after an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing.

*“License”* means the whole or a part of any permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of permission required by statute.

*“Presiding officer”* means the person assigned to hear and decide the contested case whether that individual is the agency director or an administrative law judge appointed according to Iowa Code chapter 17A.

*“Proceeding”* includes licensing, rule making, declaratory ruling, contested cases, review, and formal or informal procedures allowed by law.