

FOREWORD

Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, provides that no rule or regulation made by any State board, commission, department, or officer, except such as relate to organization or internal management, shall be effective until it is filed with the Department of State.

The 1961 Legislature, in Chapter 61-280, provided that the rules and regulations so filed shall be published by the Secretary of State in an Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations entitled Florida Administrative Code. Accordingly, through the wisdom and foresight of the Legislature, Florida became one of the first states to provide a permanent and continuing compilation of the rules and regulations of the various state agencies.

The Office of the Secretary of State published the first monthly bulletin, known as the Florida Administrative Register, in July, 1962. The Register contained a summary of and an index to all rules filed with the Office of the Secretary of State during the preceding month. Since that time, the Register has been published each month.

The Florida Administrative Code was first published in two volumes in the Spring of 1963. In conjunction with the Code, the Office of the Secretary of State has published a monthly supplement service to provide subscribers with all rule changes filed during the previous month. The rapid growth of the Florida Administrative Code necessitated the addition of a Volume III binder, which was made available to subscribers in the Fall of 1965.

Following voter ratification of three Constitutional amendments in the Fall of 1968, the 1969 Legislature enacted Chapter 69-106, known as the Governmental Reorganization Act of 1969. This act restructured the executive branch of government, consolidating and reorganizing the approximately 200 existing agencies into twenty-five departments.

As a result of this governmental reorganization, the Department of State recognized the need to reorganize the Florida Administrative Code to conform to the many changes brought about in the various State agencies. Work was begun in the Fall of 1969.

A new numbering system was devised. The sequence of departments and numbers is exactly as it appears in the Reorganization Act. The numbers, from one to twenty-five, represent the departments, while letters are used to designate divisions within departments. In this revised Code, department names are noted by green index dividers, while division designations are yellow.

Each department was asked to make the necessary changes in the rules and regulations, and submit them to the Department of State. Special debts of gratitude are owed to those persons, in every department, who coordinated the revision of the rules and regulations; without their interest and cooperation, this publication would not have been possible.

These volumes are respectfully dedicated to the people of the State of Florida whose interests they are intended to serve.

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