

FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to present the 1982 edition of the Florida Administrative Code Annotated, with a major change in format designed to increase its effectiveness and convenience.

When the Code was first published in 1963, it consisted of two loose-leaf volumes, with monthly supplements reflecting changes in agency rules. However, within two years it was necessary to add a third volume to keep pace with the growth of state agencies.

With the 1969 Governmental Reorganization Act, the Code was rewritten and its numbering changed to follow the restructuring of Florida government.

During the Seventies, the Code's expansion paralleled the tremendous growth of our state. By 1979, it consisted of eight volumes and included the administrative rules of 40 agencies.

The publication of the 1982 hardbound edition heralds the next step in the Code's advancement as a research tool. Improved indexes and annotations to court cases affecting the rules will add a new dimension to the Code. Monthly loose-leaf revisions have been replaced by annual pocket part supplements. The greatly expanded Florida Administrative Weekly, which now contains the texts of all newly-proposed and revised agency rules will serve to update the Code between annual supplements.

You will find this new, hardbound format a vast improvement over previous editions of the Code. We believe it represents a milestone in providing access to the rules of Florida's state agencies.

We wish to gratefully acknowledge the foresight of the Florida Legislature, the diligent work of the staff of the Department of State's Bureau of Administrative Code and the assistance of the editorial staff of the publisher in making this publication possible. This 1982 edition of the Florida Administrative Code Annotated is respectfully dedicated to the citizens of Florida, in whose interest it has been created.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George F. J. [unclear]". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "F".

Secretary of State