

**CHAPTER 1D  
PETITIONS FOR RULES**

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**13:1D-1.1 Scope**

This chapter shall apply to petitions submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(f) for the promulgation, amendment or repeal of any rule by the Attorney General and by any agency within the Department of Law and Public Safety that is subject to the supervision of the Attorney General, including those agencies which have independent or delegated rulemaking authority but have not adopted a rule providing for a petition for rulemaking.

**13:1D-1.2 Procedure for petitions**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Title 13 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, any interested person may petition the Attorney General, or any agency within the Department of Law and Public Safety which is subject to the supervision of the Attorney General, to promulgate, amend or repeal any rule of the Department of Law and Public Safety. Such petition must be in writing, signed by the petitioner, and must state clearly and concisely:

1. The full name and address of the petitioner;
2. The substance or nature of the rulemaking which is requested;
3. The problem or purpose which is the subject of the request;
4. The petitioner's interest in the request, including any relevant organization affiliation or economic interest;

5. The statutory authority under which the Attorney General, or agency within the Department of Law and Public Safety which is petitioned, may take the requested action; and

6. Existing Federal or State statutes and rules which the petitioner believes may be pertinent to the request.

(b) Petitions for the promulgation, amendment or repeal of a rule submitted pursuant to this chapter shall be addressed to:

Legal Affairs Director  
Office of the Attorney General  
Hughes Justice Complex  
CN-081  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

(c) Any document submitted to the Department of Law and Public Safety which is not in substantial compliance with this section shall not be deemed to be a petition for rulemaking requiring further agency action.

**13:1D-1.3 Procedure after receipt of petition**

(a) Upon receipt of a petition by the Department of Law and Public Safety filed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:1D-1.2:

1. The petition shall be date stamped and logged; and
2. The petition shall be referred to the relevant Department division or other Department office as appropriate.

(b) Within 15 days of receipt of a petition, the Department shall prepare and file a notice of petition with the Office of Administrative Law in compliance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.6(a).

(c) Within 30 days of receipt of a petition, the Department shall mail to the petitioner and file with the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the New Jersey Register a notice of action on the petition in compliance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.6(b).

(d) The Department's action on the petition may include:

1. Denial of the petition;
2. Filing a notice of proposed rule or a notice of pre-proposal for a rule with the Office of Administrative Law; or
3. Referral of the matter for further deliberations, the nature of which shall be specified and which shall conclude upon a specified date. The results of these further deliberations shall be mailed to the petitioner and shall be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the New Jersey Register.