



State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TEN

- WHEREAS, The issuance of efficient, effective, and lawful agency rules that promote the public interest, and provide benefits which exceed their costs, requires relevant agency personnel to be familiar with all of the legal requirements applicable to the rule-making process, and to be proficient in the skills necessary to ensure that high quality administrative rules are drafted; and
- WHEREAS, expertise in the issuance of efficient, and effective rules may vary from agency to agency; and
- WHEREAS, this administration launched a quality and efficiency in government initiative on February 8, 1999, wherein a task force was assembled to prepare and submit a series of recommendations to the Governor on the creation of a process for reviewing and streamlining existing state regulations and the rule-making process as a whole; and
- WHEREAS, the task force has been charged with the task of preparing a series of recommendations for creating a system to improve the execution of state government, thereby benefiting the people of this state, and improving the state's economy; and
- WHEREAS, accessibility to an executive branch institution that conducts an educational program on agency rule-making, on an on-going basis, would assist agencies in crafting a high quality and successful rule-making product.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and the constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order that:

I. The Quality in Rule-making Committee is hereby created.

II. Purpose.

The Quality in Rule-making Committee has been created for the purpose of designing and administering a program to familiarize agency personnel with, and equip them to satisfy, all of the legal requirements applicable to the rule-making process. This committee shall train agency personnel to formulate and draft high quality narrowly crafted rules that are as precise, clear, and easy to understand as possible. Finally, this committee shall familiarize agencies with various technical tools that will enable each agency to assess the benefits and costs of agency rules and their effectiveness.

III. Organization

The Quality in Rule-making Committee shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall report to Director of the Department of Management on a quarterly basis to provide status updates.

IV. Funding

Ongoing funding for the Quality in Rule-making Committee shall be provided by each state agency on an equitable basis. The Department of Management shall prepare an equitable contribution schedule of agency resources and personnel to be used to produce various educational rule-making programs, based upon the benefit that each agency would confer or receive by participating in the programming.

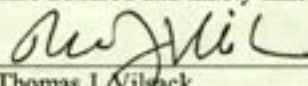
III. Methods and Schedule

Specific methodology and coordination shall be determined by the Quality in Rulemaking Committee, with advice from the Governor. Since attendance by relevant

agency personnel will enhance the overall management of state government, the decision on whether relevant agency personnel will attend various educational programs shall not solely rest with the discretion of the individual agency heads. The Director of the Office of Management shall make the final decision on agency participation in a particular program, pursuant to this executive order, in the event of agency opposition to committee initiatives.

Members on the Quality in Rulemaking Committee will be appointed by the Governor for a term to begin on January 1, 2000, and conclude on December 31, 2000. All subsequent terms shall run for a period of one (1) year. All members of the Quality in Rulemaking Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

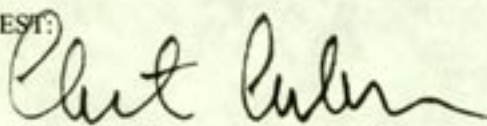
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.



Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor



ATTEST:



Chester J. Culver
Secretary of State