

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 07-43

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated January 2005.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. The agency should follow the format for the introductory clause described in s. 1.02 (1), Manual.
- b. The effective date clause should be SECTION 2 and should immediately follow SECTION 1. [See s. 1.02 (4), Manual.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

- a. Throughout the rule summary, "Board" and "Elections Board" are used interchangeably. Either "Board" or "Elections Board" should be used consistently.
- b. Throughout s. ElBd 3.50, a space should be added after the "s." or "ss." in statutory references.
- c. Throughout s. ElBd 3.50, "cost," "charge," and "fees" are used interchangeably. One of these words should be used consistently.
- d. In s. ElBd 3.50 (1) (intro.), "In this section" should replace "Definition: As used in this rule." [s. 1.01 (7) (a), Manual.]
 - e. In s. ElBd 3.50 (1) (d), the comma after "ss. 6.36 (1) (b) 1. a." should be deleted.
- f. In s. ElBd 3.50 (1) (f), "Registration Data" should not be capitalized. [s. 1.01 (4), Manual.]

- g. In s. ElBd 3.50 (1) (g), "Registration Data Record" should not be capitalized. [s. 1.01 (4), Manual.]
- h. In s. ElBd 3.50 (1) (g), "but not limited to" is not necessary and should be deleted. [s. 1.01 (7) (c), Manual.]
- i. In s. ElBd 3.50 (2), the statutory cross-reference should read: "ss. 6.36, 6.45 to 6.47, and 19.31 to 19.39, Stats."
- j. In s. EIBd 3.50 (4), it appears that "\$5 for each 1,000 voter registration data records in the report" should replace "\$5 for the first 1,000 voter registration data records in the report, plus \$5 for each additional 1,000 voter registration data records."
- k. In s. ElBd 3.50 (6), "State Elections Board" should not be capitalized. [s. 1.01 (4), Manual.]
- 1. In s. ElBd 3.50 (6), "either" on line 1 should be deleted, and "shall be" on line 2 should be deleted.
- m. In s. ElBd 3.50 (9), "and" should replace "or" on line 4; "including" on line 4 should be deleted; a semicolon should replace the first comma on line 5; and "the" on line 5 should be deleted. Also, the appropriate internal cross-reference should be to "subs. (4) or (5)."
 - n. In s. ElBd 3.50 (9), "Statewide Voter Registration System" should replace "SVRS."
- o. In s. ElBd 3.50 (10), "shall" should replace "will"; "the" on line 2 should be deleted; and "whichever" should replace "whoever." Also, "state elections board" should replace "State Election Board." [s. 1.01 (4), Manual.] Finally, this subsection provides that fees received from requests for data must remain with the entity producing and providing the report. How does this provision comport with the statement in s. 6.36 (6), Stats., that the board's rule must require that revenues from fees received be shared between the state and municipalities?