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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 19-106

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated December 2014.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. The department should clearly separate the proposed rule from its analysis to aid in ease of reading the proposal. For example, a line break and a heading for "Text of Rule" could be inserted at the conclusion of the analysis.
- b. In s. DFI-CCS 10.04 (title) and (intro.), the department could consider revising the title to "Fees under s. 178.0120, Stats.", and revising the introductory statement to "The following fees apply under s. 178.0120, Stats.:". This would more closely mirror the phrasing used in s. DFI-CCS 10.01 of the current rule.
- c. In s. DFI-CCS 10.04 (1) to (20), to differentiate the types of fees authorized by statute and to specify whether a particular fee is for filing, for obtaining a certified copy or non-certified copy of, or for processing a document, the provisions should be reorganized to separate the authorized fees into the following four subsections:
 - (1) "For filing or obtaining a certified copy:", with subs. (1) to (3) and (5) to (18) renumbered pars. (a) to (p) under this subsection.
 - (2) "For obtaining a certificate of status: \$10", renumbering sub. (4) to this subsection.
 - (3) "In addition to any fee under this section, for expedited...", renumbering sub. (19) to this subsection.
 - (4) "In addition to any fee under this section, for filing in paper form...", renumbering sub. (20) to this subsection.

- d. In s. DFI-CCS 10.04 (19) (a) to (c), the italicized text should be revised to plain text.
- e. In the effective date provision in SECTION 2 of the proposed rule, the italicized text should be revised to plain text.

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

- a. In s. DFI-CCS 10.04 (19) (intro.), if it is intended that the expedited processing fee applies in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other fee, the department should insert the phrase "In addition to any fee under this section," before "For expedited".
 - b. In s. DFI-CCS 10.04 (20), the first instance of the word "filing" should be removed.