PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE RULEMAKING PROCESS

The public is encouraged to participate in the rulemaking process by which administrative rules are adopted, amended, or repealed. Listed below are some of the ways in which to participate (references are to the *Arizona Revised Statutes* (A.R.S.), a compilation of the laws of the state of Arizona).

* By inspecting a copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking filed with the Office's Public Services Department, for publication in the *Arizona Register.* (See A.R.S. § 41-1022)

* By making oral comments, if a public hearing is held, or written comments to the agency proposing the rule. In order for the agency to consider your comments, the agency must receive them before the rulemaking is adopted. Your comments must reach the agency within the 30-day waiting period following *Register* publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Comments shall be sent to the agency representative whose name and address are printed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. (See A.R.S. § 41-1022)

* By requesting, in writing, an oral proceeding on a proposed rule within 30 days after the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has been published in the *Register* if the agency has not scheduled a proceeding. (See A.R.S. § 41-1023)

* By submitting written comments to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council which are relevant to the Council's power to review a given rule. (See A.R.S. § 41-1052) The Council reviews the rule at the end of the rulemaking process and before the rules are filed with the Secretary of State.

* By petitioning an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. The agency must respond to the petition. (See A.R.S. § 41-1033)