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public is encouraged to participate in the rulemaking process by which administrative rules are adopted, amended, or repealed.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 Secretary of State, Public Services Division, for publication in the *Arizona Administrative Register* (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 comment period following *Register* publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Send your comments 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 to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council written comments that 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)