



**NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING**

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notice of Rulemaking Docket Openings.

A docket opening is the first part of the administrative rulemaking process. It is an “announcement” that the agency intends to work on its rules.

When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process. Many times an agency may file the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these notices. Questions about the interpretation of this information should be directed to the agency contact person listed in item #4 of this notice.

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**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD**

[R15-55]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 2, Administration
- Chapter and its heading:** 8, State Retirement System Board
- Article and its heading:** 1, Retirement System; Defined Benefit Plan
- Section number:** R2-8-115

**2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**

R2-8-115 provides for the return of contributions to an ASRS member who leaves ASRS employment other than by retirement or death. The rule also provides for the distribution of a deceased member’s benefits upon the death of the member. The ASRS will amend R2-8-115 to reflect that the ASRS will distribute a deceased member’s benefits pursuant to the most recent, acceptable documentation on file with the ASRS prior to the member’s death. This rulemaking will clarify when a beneficiary designation is considered “on file” with the ASRS.

**3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**

None

**4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rulemaking:**

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**5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

The Board will accept comments during business hours at the address listed in item 4. Information regarding an oral proceeding will be included in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**

To be determined.