

Reminder: Department of State Announces Public Hearing Schedule for Review of Agency Regulations

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Dover, DE (July 29, 2016) – The Delaware Department of State would like to remind people that it will hold public hearings next week in all three counties as part of Governor Jack Markell's effort to strengthen Delaware's economy by modernizing and streamlining regulations that may be outdated or unnecessarily burdensome, while maintaining the state's commitment to improving public health and environmental performance.

The Department of State's public hearings are being conducted in accordance with Regulatory Flexibility Act ([29 Del. C., Ch. 104, § 10407](#)). Agencies with regulations subject to review include:

- Human Relations Commission
- Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
- Division of Arts
- State Banking Commissioner
- Boards and Commissions of the Division of Professional Regulation
- Public Service Commission

The public is also invited to comment on any policies or programs within the Department of State including the Division of Archives, Division of Corporations, Commission of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of State's Office.

The Department's hearings are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016, 12:30pm**, at the Carvel State Office Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19803
- **Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, 12:30pm**, Secretary of State's conference room, Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901
- **Thursday, Aug 4, 2016, 12:30pm**, at the Georgetown Public Library, 123 West Pine Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

The Regulatory Flexibility Act provides an opportunity for state agencies such as the Department of State to review regulations on their books, and streamline or eliminate those that might be outdated, inconsistent or no longer serve their intended purpose. After formal comment, the Department will consider the input received in addition to its own evaluation and begin the process for amending or repealing regulations accordingly.

"This review process provides us with the opportunity to evaluate how we can make our existing regulations more efficient," said Secretary of State Jeff Bullock. "We look forward to receiving specific and thoughtful comments from the public and business community in this effort."

In addition to participating in the public hearings, members of the public are also encouraged to submit comments online. Comments relative to the Regulatory Flexibility Act will be accepted through October 1, 2016.

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