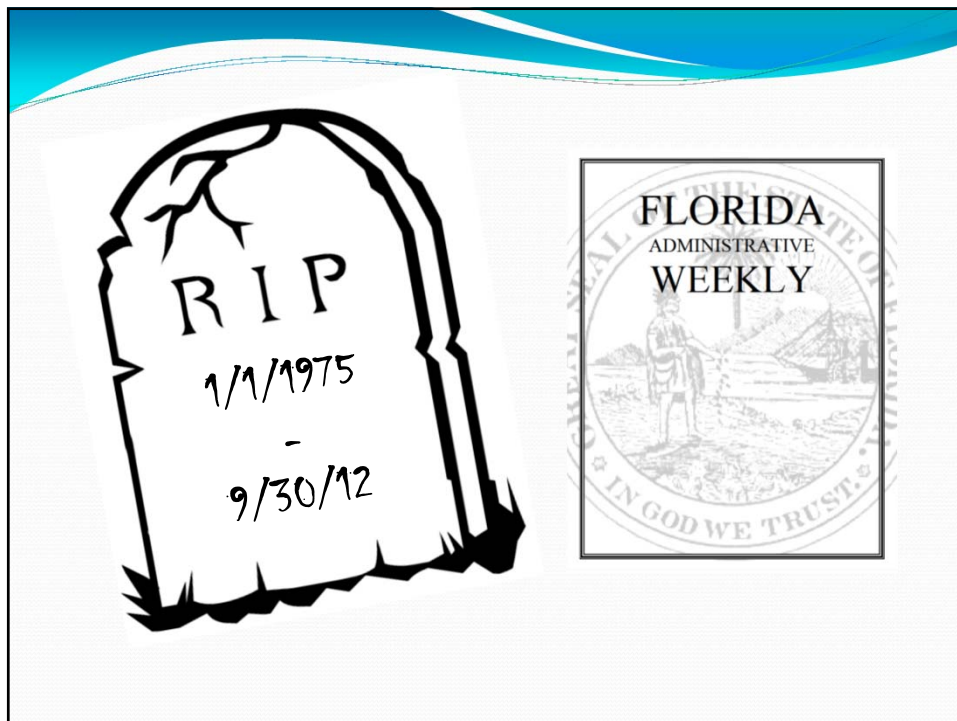


Introducing the Florida Administrative Register

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- The FAW originated in 1975 as part of the Administrative Procedures Act.
- It was created in Chapter 120.55 F.S. as a publication for notices relating to:
 - The adoption and amendment of agency rules
 - Notices of public meetings, workshops, and hearings, and
 - Miscellaneous other notices.

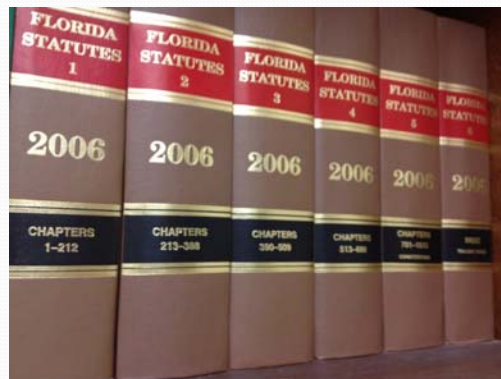
- Through the years there have been amendments to s. 120.55. In 1980, it was amended to require publication of the entire rule being proposed or considered rather than a summary of the rule



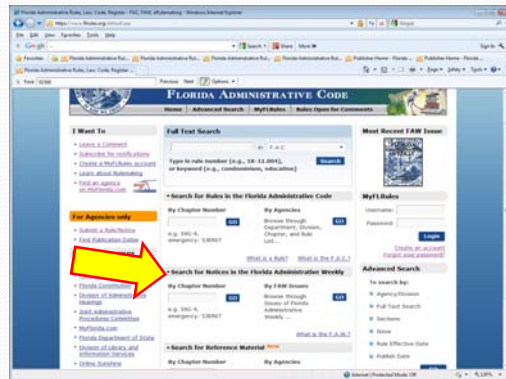
- Also in 1980, the editing component was amended to require permission of the submitting agency prior to correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors not affecting the construction or meaning of the rules.



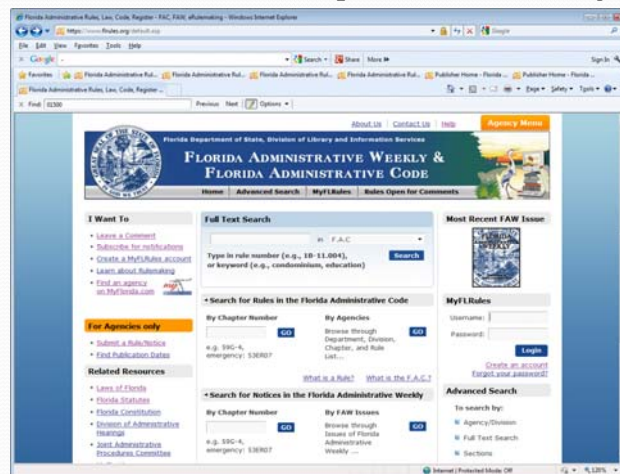
- In 2006 the statute was amended requiring the establishment of an electronic, on-line version of the FAW in addition to the printed version of the *Weekly*.



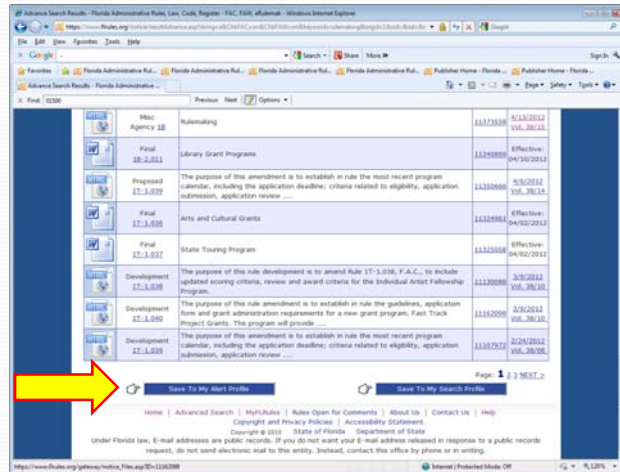
- The FAW website is required to allow users, free of charge, to:
 - Search for notices by type, publication date, rule number, word, subject, and agency;



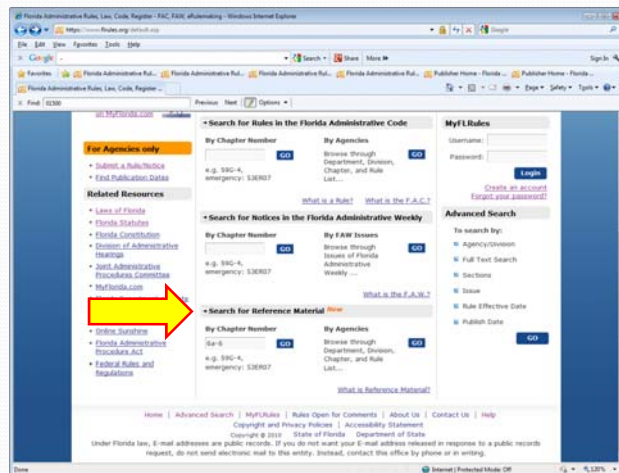
- Search a database that makes available all notices published on the website for a period of at least 5 years;



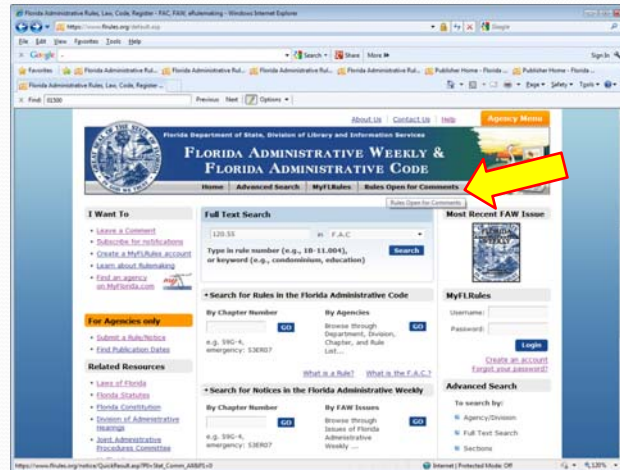
- Subscribe to automated email notification of selected notices;



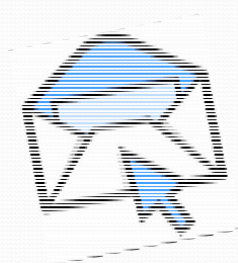
- View forms incorporated by reference in proposed rules;



- Comment on proposed rules



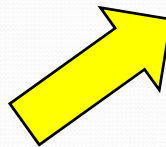
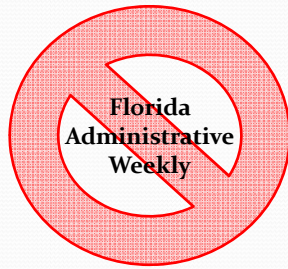
- In 2008, the statute was amended to require that the email notification be sent before, or concurrently with, the publication of the printed and electronic FAW and must contain in the text of the email a summary of the content of each notice.





HB 541 (2012-63 Laws of Florida)
passed during the 2012 legislative
session. It amended section
120.55 in the following ways:

- After thirty-seven years as a weekly publication, the *Florida Administrative Weekly* is renamed the *Florida Administrative Register*.



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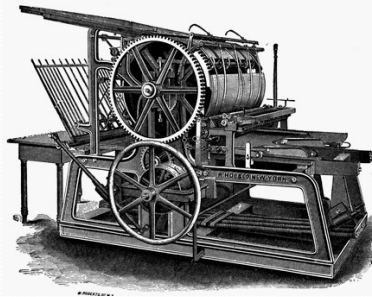
- It is to be:
 - Electronic
 - The official publication
 - Continuously revised



OFFICIAL

REVISED

- The department “may”, rather than “shall” contract with a publishing firm for the publication of a printed version of the *Florida Administrative Register* to be made available on an annual subscription basis.



- The department is no longer responsible for reviewing notices for compliance with format and numbering requirements.

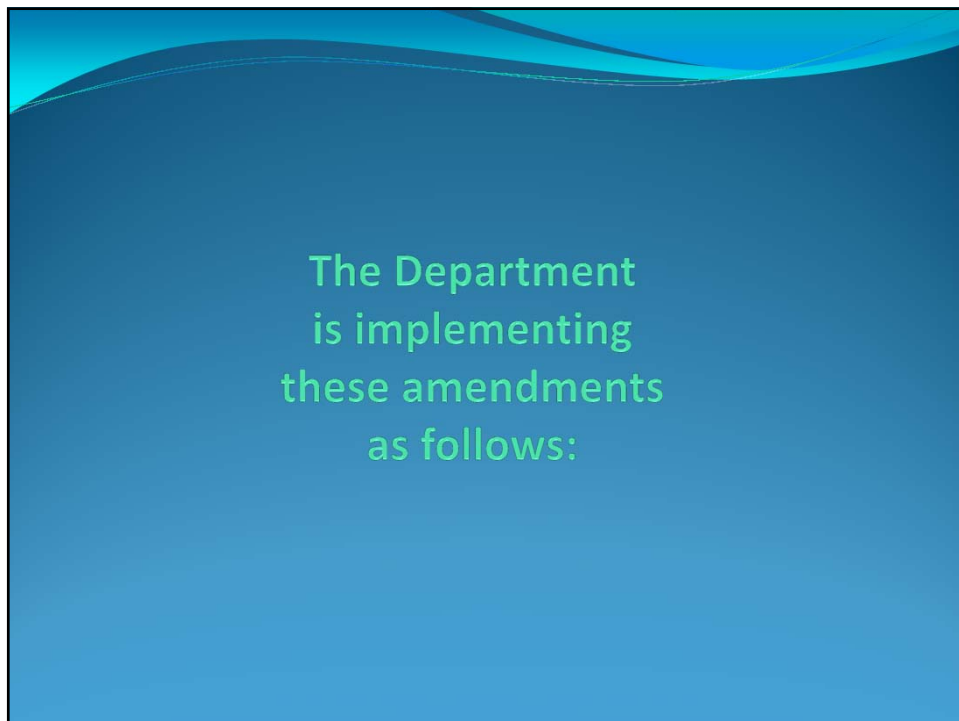


- The department is no longer responsible for correcting grammatical, typographic, and like errors not affecting the construction or meaning of the rules.



- The department is no longer obligated to provide printed copies of the *Florida Administrative Weekly* (or the new *Florida Administrative Register*) to the various courts, legislators, libraries, Clerks of court, agencies, or the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.





- Electronically publishing a Register each business day of the year containing all notices and other material currently required for publication by agencies in the *Florida Administrative Weekly*.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- Official state holidays set forth in Section 110.117 F.S. are excepted and the *Register* will be published on the next business day following the holiday.

HOLIDAY	2012
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2
Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday, January 16
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 3
Veterans' Day	Monday, November 12
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 23
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25

- Each day's *Register* will consist of notices received from contributing agencies before three o'clock p.m. the previous business day.



- Agencies will no longer be charged by the line, but rather by the word. Notices have been sent with invoices to indicate a change to \$.19 per word that will approximate the rate currently being charged for space in the FAW.



- The department has been engaged in the revision of its rules to reflect the changes outlined above. The revised rule will be effective October 1, 2012.

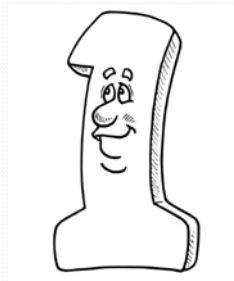
October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Questions?



What does this mean for the agencies submitting material to be published?

- Instead of waiting at least nine days between submission of material to the department and its being published, as is currently the case, the wait will be one day.

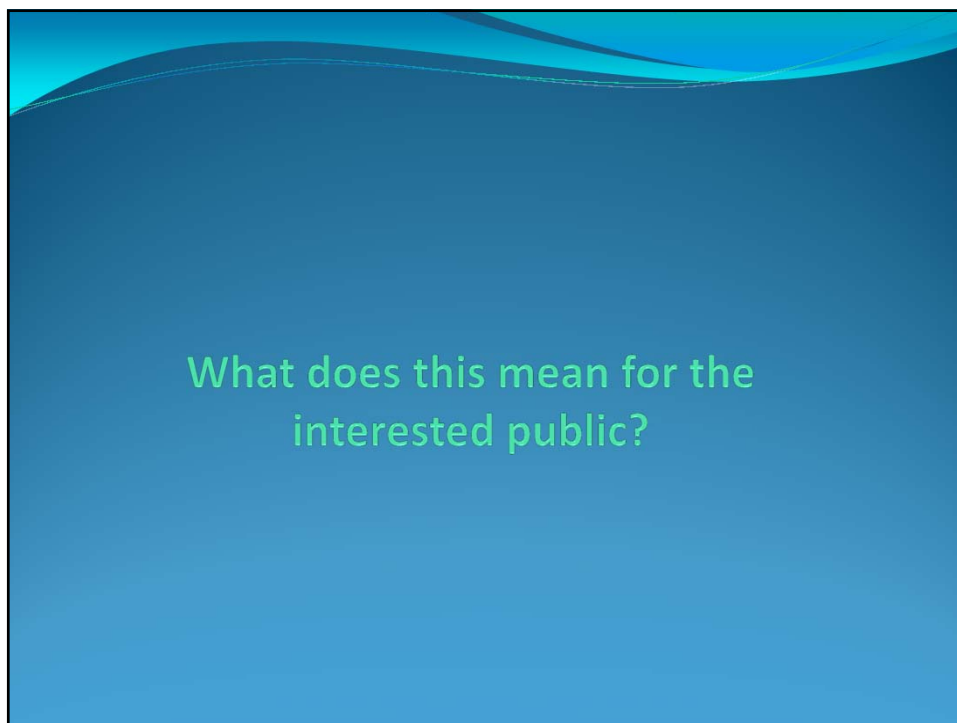


- The contributing agency will be solely responsible for the content of the material submitted, as the department no longer has the authority to correct typographic or grammatical errors.

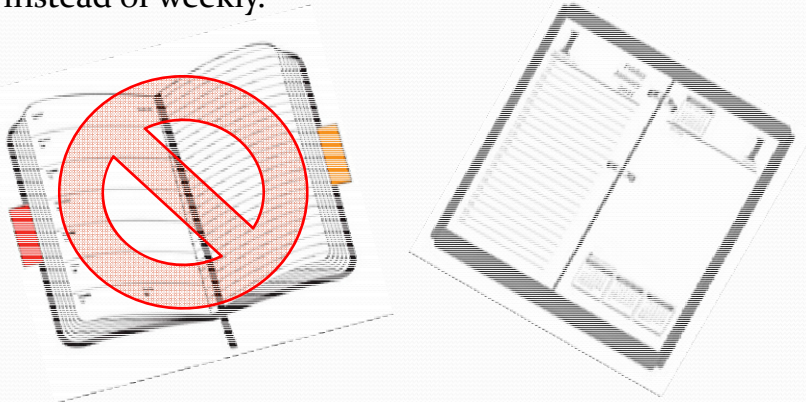


- There will be fewer blue-covered magazines arriving in the mail





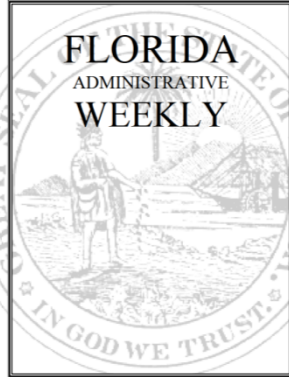
- Statutorily mandated time periods for various steps in the rule-making process, as well as notice requirements for meetings, etc., will commence daily instead of weekly.



- E-mail alerts provided to subscribers will be arriving daily rather than weekly.



- September 28, 2012 will be the last printed FAW, which will include notices submitted from noon September 12, 2012 through noon September 19, 2012. (Vol. 38/39)



- October 1, 2012 will start the electronic version of the FAR, which will include notices submitted from noon September 19, 2012 through September 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. and then daily deadlines at 3:00 p.m. (38/40)





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