

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING STATISTICS 2007-08

The committee reviewed 1,194 rules sections and 1,663 pages of rules that were changed from January 2007 to October 2008. The number of sections affected and the number of pages of rules were substantially less than the comparable amount from the previous biennial period. The Department of Human Services, usually one of the most active rulemaking agencies, amended or created only 40 rules sections in this biennial period compared to 296 rules sections in the preceding biennial period. Table A (attached) shows the number of rules amended, created, superseded, repealed, reserved, or redesignated for each administrative agency that appeared before the committee.

Although rules differ in length and complexity, comparison of the number of administrative rules sections affected during biennial periods is one method of comparing the volume of administrative rules reviewed by the committee. The following table shows the number of North Dakota Administrative Code sections amended, repealed, created, superseded, reserved, or redesignated during designated time periods:

| Time Period                 | Number of Sections |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| November 1986-October 1988  | 2,681              |
| November 1988-October 1990  | 2,325              |
| November 1990-October 1992  | 3,079              |
| November 1992-October 1994  | 3,235              |
| November 1994-October 1996  | 2,762              |
| November 1996-October 1998  | 2,789              |
| November 1998-November 2000 | 2,074              |
| December 2000-November 2002 | 1,417              |
| December 2002-November 2004 | 2,306              |
| December 2004-October 2006  | 1,353              |
| January 2007-October 2008   | 1,194              |

For committee review of rules at each meeting the Legislative Council staff prepares an administrative rules supplement containing all rules changes submitted for publication since the previous committee meeting. The supplement is prepared in a style similar to bill drafts, with changes indicated by overstrike and underscore. Comparison of the number of pages of rules amended, created, or repealed is another method of comparing the volume of administrative rules reviewed by the committee. The following table shows the number of pages in administrative rules supplements during designated time periods:

| Time Period                 | Supplement Pages |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| November 1992-October 1994  | 3,809            |
| November 1994-October 1996  | 3,140            |
| November 1996-October 1998  | 4,123            |
| November 1998-November 2000 | 1,947            |
| December 2000-November 2002 | 2,016            |
| December 2002-November 2004 | 4,085            |
| December 2004-October 2006  | 1,920            |
| January 2007-October 2008   | 1,663            |

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