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Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

Government Records; Procedures for Requests

N.J.A.C. 13:1E-2.4

Petitioner: Gavin C. Rozzi.

Take notice that on November 29, 2017, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety (Department), Office of the Attorney General received a petition for rulemaking from the above petitioner requesting that the Attorney General amend N.J.A.C. 13:1E-2.4(a) to permit e-mail submission of Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests to agencies within the Department subject to the Attorney General's supervision. The petitioner states that e-mail is no longer a luxury or special technical feat in the year 2017, and that it has now become ubiquitous among citizens, and both the private and public sectors make extensive use of the technology. The petitioner respectfully urges the Attorney General to amend N.J.A.C. 13:1E-2.4(a) and treat e-mail requests sent to agencies within the Department subject to the Attorney General's supervision just as they do the OPRA requests received from the State's online request system. The petitioner believes that amending subsection (a) to permit the submission of requests via any e-mail address, not just the State's online request system, would remove an unreasonable burden placed on requestors seeking to gain access to public records under OPRA.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Office of the Attorney General will subsequently mail to the petitioner and file with the Office of Administrative Law a notice of action on the petition.