

EXEMPTIONS GRANTED TO CHAPTER 120

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

A request for partial exemption from Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Administrative Procedure Act, was granted to the Department of Banking and Finance by the Administration Commission. The Commission's grant of approval provides an exemption for the Department from §120.54, Florida Statutes, for the implementation of Chapter 75-217, Laws of Florida, known as the Branch Banking Law. As an alternate procedure, the Commission authorized the Department to cite chapter numbers from the Laws of Florida or other sections of law as it adopts rules implementing the branch banking law.

MARION AND LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS

The school boards of Marion and Lee counties were granted partial exemptions in all student disciplinary hearings from the provisions of §120.57(1) (b) and (c), Florida Statutes, which require that all parties affected are to be given not less than fourteen days advance notice, and from the provisions of §120.57(1) and §120.65, F.S., which require that such administrative hearings be conducted by a hearing officer of the Division of Administrative Hearings or by the School Board. The Commission authorized the school boards of Marion and Lee counties to appoint qualified hearing officers to conduct such hearings and to require the hearing officers appointed by the school board to give reasonable notice to all parties.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 120.63, the Public Employees Relations Commission requested and was granted a partial exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act. The Commission was granted the authority to designate its own agents, including staff employees, to act as hearing officers in all collective bargaining hearings in which the State of Florida is the public employer and that these hearings be conducted according to the rules of the Commission, pursuant to Chapter 447, Florida Statutes.