

45-Day Notice of Proposed Amendments to Appraisal Institute Regulation Nos. 7 and 8

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At its November 14-15, 2019 meeting in Chicago, Illinois, the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors will consider proposed amendments to Appraisal Institute Regulation Nos. 7 and 8 concerning the creation of a Government Relations Subcommittee for each state or territory. The proposed amendments are expected to have minimal financial impact on the national organization; some chapters could experience a financial impact.

If you have any comments on the proposed changes, please contact your elected Directors and/or send your comments via email to 45daynotice@appraisalinstitute.org. Comments sent to this email address will be compiled for distribution to the Board of Directors prior to the Board meeting.

Government Relations Subcommittees

Background/Rationale

Many states have multiple chapters, creating challenges in coordinating strong, effective and consistent state government relations programs. In some states with multiple chapters, such chapters do not always coordinate with one another, except sometimes to participate with unaffiliated statewide coalitions. A small number of chapters coordinate their activities through state subcommittees or Appraisal Institute sponsored coalitions.

The proposed Regulation changes would establish a single government relations subcommittee in each state or territory where multiple chapters exist, which will strengthen government relations efforts through enhanced coordination of policy development, advocacy and implementation. Moreover, each Government Relations Subcommittee would report to the national Government Relations Committee, thereby better facilitating the sharing of experience and expertise among the states and enhancing consistency in policy development, advocacy and implementation.

Proposed amendments to Regulation No. 7 provide that where there are multiple chapters within one state or territory, such chapters would have some flexibility in structuring their subcommittees but anticipate that such structure will be based in large part upon agreement of the chapters. Under the proposed amendments, each chapter would be required to elect at least one representative to serve on their Government Relations Subcommittee, but the chapters within the state would, for example, need to agree on the total size of the subcommittee, how many representatives each chapter will have, and when and how often the subcommittee will meet.

Where there are multiple chapters within a state or territory, such chapters also would have the flexibility to agree whether and how to fund their subcommittees. For example, the chapters could agree on whether to require a minimum level of funding from each chapter or whether to fund based on subcommittee activity. The chapters could decide whether they wish to fund volunteer meetings or whether volunteers would meet virtually. The chapters also could decide whether the subcommittee should work solely through volunteers or through lobbyists as well. The chapters within a state or territory would have the ability to agree upon a funding formula among them.

Under proposed amendments to Regulation No. 8, chapters that are not the only chapter within their state or territory would have the option of maintaining Chapter Government Relations Committees.

The Board of Directors may adopt the proposed amendments to Regulation Nos. 7 and 8 by a majority vote of the Directors voting during a quorum meeting.

Regulation No. 7 Text

Amend Regulation No 7, Article VII, Government Relations Committee by inserting a new Part D as follows:

Part D: Government Relations Subcommittees
Section 1. Composition.

47 **There shall be one (1) Government Relations Subcommittee of the Government Relations**
48 **Committee for each state or territory. The name of each Government Relations Subcommittee**
49 **shall include the name of the appropriate state or territory.**

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51 **If a single Chapter covers the entire jurisdiction of a state or territory, the composition of its**
52 **Government Relations Subcommittee shall be governed by Regulation No. 8.**

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54 **If more than one Chapter covers the jurisdiction of a state or territory:**

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56 **a) The Government Relations Subcommittee for that state or territory shall consist of at**
57 **least one (1) representative selected by each chapter whose jurisdiction includes all or**
58 **part of the state or territory. Representatives may be Designated Members,**
59 **Candidates for Designation or Practicing Affiliates. The representatives may serve no**
60 **more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.**
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62 **b) The chapter representatives in a state or territory shall choose the Chair and Vice**
63 **Chair of their Government Relations Subcommittee. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be**
64 **Designated Members of the Appraisal Institute. The Chair and Vice Chair may serve no**
65 **more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms.**

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67 **Section 2. Powers and Duties.**

68 **Each Government Relations Subcommittee shall:**

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70 **a) Communicate and coordinate committee activities with the national**
71 **Government Relations Committee of the Appraisal Institute;**
72 **b) Monitor legislative and regulatory developments in the state or territory and**
73 **report such developments to the national Government Relations Committee;**
74 **c) Promote Appraisal Institute policies and programs in the state or territory in**
75 **consultation with the national Government Relations Committee and staff;**
76 **d) Disseminate and promote state and federal legislative and regulatory action**
77 **items to the chapters; and**
78 **e) Perform such other duties as maybe assigned to it by the Government**
79 **Relations Committee, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.**

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82 **Regulation No. 8 Text**

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84 Amend Regulation No. 8, Article X, Chapter Committees as follows:

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86 Part A: General

87 **Section 1. Number and Types of Committees**

88 Except where otherwise provided, each Chapter shall have the following committees: Candidate
89 Guidance Committee, General and Residential Appraiser Education Committees; Finance
90 Committee; ~~Government Relations Committee~~ and Nominating Committee. At the Chapter's
91 discretion, the General Appraiser and Residential Appraiser Education Committees may be combined
92 into one Chapter Education Committee. ~~In lieu of having its own Government Relations Committee, a~~
93 ~~Chapter shall participate in a statewide government relations coalition or work with another Chapter in~~
94 ~~its state that has a Government Relations Committee. Chapters whose jurisdiction covers an~~
95 **entire state or territory shall have a Government Relations Subcommittee.**

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Each Chapter may have additional committees consistent with the Bylaws, Regulations and policies of the Appraisal Institute. Such additional committees may include but are not limited to the following: Bylaws Committee; Candidate Committee; External Relations Committee; and Public Relations Committee; **and Government Relations Committee where there are multiple Chapters with jurisdiction over portions of a state or territory.**

Amend Regulation No. 8, Article X, Part B, Section 4 to read as follows:

~~Chapter Government Relations Subcommittee.~~ **If a Chapter's jurisdiction covers the entirety of a state or territory, or the entirety of multiple states or territories, the Chapter shall have a Government Relations Subcommittee for each such state or territory. The Government Relations Subcommittee(s) shall report to the national Government Relations Committee. The name of the Government Relations Subcommittee shall include the name of the appropriate state or territory.**

The ~~Chapter Government Relations Subcommittee~~ shall consist of a Chair and a minimum of two (2) other Committee members.

The Chapter President shall appoint the **Subcommittee** Chair and any **Subcommittee** members whose terms shall commence at the same time as the Chapter President's, subject to the approval of the Chapter Board of Directors. The Chair shall be appointed to serve a one (1) year term. The other Committee members shall be appointed to serve three (3) year staggered terms. The Chair and the other **Subcommittee** members shall be eligible to serve consecutive terms.

The duties of the ~~Chapter Government Relations Subcommittee~~ shall be to: ~~promote the Appraisal Institute's policies and programs regarding legislation and regulations that are of interest and importance to appraisers.~~

- a) **Communicate and coordinate committee activities with the national Government Relations Committee of the Appraisal Institute;**
- b) **Monitor legislative and regulatory developments in the state or territory and report such developments to the national Government Relations Committee;**
- c) **Promote Appraisal Institute policies and programs in the state or territory in consultation with the national Government Relations Committee and staff;**
- d) **Disseminate and promote state and federal legislative and regulatory action items to the chapters; and**
- e) **Perform such other duties as maybe assigned to it by the Government Relations Committee, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.**

Amend Regulation No. 8, Article X, Part C (Optional Chapter Committees) by adding a new Section 5 as follows:

Section 5. Chapter Government Relations Committee
If the Chapter Bylaws provide for a Chapter Government Relations Committee, such Committee shall consist of a Chair and a minimum of two (2) other Committee members.

145 **The Chapter President shall appoint the Committee Chair and any Committee members whose**
146 **terms shall commence at the same time as the Chapter President's, subject to the approval of**
147 **the Chapter Board of Directors. The Chair shall be appointed to serve a one (1) year term. The**
148 **other Committee members shall be appointed to serve three (3) year staggered terms. The**
149 **Chair and the other Committee members shall be eligible to serve consecutive terms.**

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151 **The duties of the Chapter Government Relations Committee shall be to promote the Appraisal**
152 **Institute's policies and programs regarding legislation and regulations that are of interest and**
153 **importance to appraisers and to support the Government Relations Subcommittee in the**
154 **Chapter's state or territory.**