

Chapter 800. Gen. Admin.

Subchapter A. General Provisions. §§ 800.1, 800.2 and 800.4

The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) adopts new §§ 800.1, 800.2, and 800.4 concerning general provisions pertaining to short title purpose, definitions, and gifts, without changes to proposed text as published in the September 18, 1998, issue of the *Texas Register* (23 TexReg 9537). The adopted text will not be republished here.

The purpose of the rules is to set forth the title and purpose of the subchapter, the definitions applicable to the chapter, and the ethics rules applicable to the Commission.

New Subchapter A, General Provisions, is adopted as the location for rules pertaining to general provisions applicable to the Commission.

New §800.1 sets forth the short title and purpose of the rules contained in the subchapter.

New §800.2 sets forth the definitions applicable to this chapter.

New §800.4 incorporates by reference the Texas Ethics Commission's rules regarding gifts from persons appearing before or regulated by the Commission. The Texas Ethics Commission's rules are incorporated by reference pursuant to Texas Government Code §571.063, which requires each regulatory agency in the executive branch to develop rules limiting the acceptance of gifts or other benefits from persons appearing before or regulated by the agency, which must be at least as restrictive as the rules of the Texas Ethics Commission.

The Commission received no comments on the proposed rules.

The new rules are adopted under Texas Labor Code, §§301.061 and 302.021, which provides the Commission with the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules as it deems necessary for the effective administration of Commission programs; and Texas Government Code §571.063, which requires each regulatory agency in the executive branch to develop rules limiting the acceptance of gifts or other benefits from persons appearing before or regulated by the agency, which must be at least as restrictive as the rules of the Texas Ethics Commission.

§800.1. Short Title and Purpose.

These rules may be cited as the General Provisions Rules. The purpose of this subchapter is to set forth the general provisions applicable to the Commission.

§800.2. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Commission -- The Texas Workforce Commission.

§800.4. Gifts.

The Commission shall adhere to the Texas Ethics Commission's rules relating to the acceptance of gifts or other benefits from persons appearing before or regulated by the Commission pertaining to the Commission officers and employees and as adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission at 1 TAC Part II.