

Office of Information Technology, State of Alabama
Administrative Code
Chapter 471-x-1
Organization

471-x-1-.05 Use of Electronic Records and Signatures by
State Agencies

(1) Applicability to State Agencies: Under the authority granted to OIT by Act 2021-304 to amend Code of Ala. 1975 § 8-1A-19, the authority and requirements of Rule 471-x-1-.04 above apply to all state agencies.

(2) Exemptions: This rule shall apply to a state agency to the extent that it has not promulgated a rule contrary to the provisions of Rule 471-x-1-.04, and shall not apply to an agency which is exempt from OIT policy authority. Exemptions to OIT policy authority are found in Code of Ala. 1975 §§ 41-4-291, 41-4-293, 41-28-2(5), or by operation of agency-specific statutes. Agencies which are exempt from OIT policy authority and which have rulemaking authority may by rule adopt, in whole or in part, the provisions of Rule 471-x-1-.04

(3) Construction: Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require any record or signature to be created, generated, sent, communicated, received, stored, or otherwise processed or used by electronic means or in electronic form. Any agency may, by rule or written policy, specify which signatures or documents it will or will not accept by electronic means or in electronic form.

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Statutory Authority: Ala. Act 2021-304; Code of Ala. 1975, § 8-1A-19

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