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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Economic Impact Statement**  
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**IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**

**Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:**

There are no small businesses subject to this rule.

In 2007, the rule was amended to require the two administrative law judges for the Natural Resources Commission to comply with the "applicable provisions of the code of judicial conduct". These 2007 amendments were processed in conjunction with parallel rules that govern the two environmental law judges for the Office of Environmental Adjudication. The revisions had subtle and mostly minor consequences for exemptions established in 2007 by [312 IAC 3-1-2.5](#). In 2009, the Indiana Supreme Court revised the Code of Judicial Conduct. The enumerations of the Canons set forth in the Code of Judicial Conduct were reordered.

An additional aspect of the proposal is that an administrative law judge would be authorized to perform mediations governed by AOPA in the ordinary course of employment and, without a fee, mediations governed by the courts. The proposed rule would govern activities of the four employees of the Commission's Division of Hearings but has most direct impact upon its two administrative law judges.

**Estimated Average Annual Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Small Businesses Will Incur for Compliance:**

None.

**Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:**

None.

**Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:**

Not applicable.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:**

Not applicable.

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