## ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION

## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Ethics Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE:

Rule 340-X-1-.05 Procedures for Pre-certification of a Function or

Activity

INTENDED ACTION: To create a rule which codifies the procedure for obtaining precertification of a function or activity under the Alabama Ethics Act and provides for the posting of information about pre-certified functions or activities on the website of the Alabama Ethics Commission

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: ALA CODE § 36-25-1(34)(b)(15) authorizes the Director of the Ethics Commission to pre-certify a function or activity. Anyone may invite a public official or public employee and their spouse to attend a pre-certified function or activity without violating the Alabama Ethics Act so long as the invitation is not for the purpose of corruptly influencing official action. A public official or public employee and their spouse may attend a pre-certified function or activity without violating the Alabama Ethics Act so long as attendance at the function or activity would not constitute accepting something to corruptly influence their official action. This rule would codify the process of pre-certification and provide for the posting of information about pre-certified functions or activities on the website of the Alabama Ethics Commission.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of the Alabama Ethics Commission on or before March 6, 2015 or orally, if requested in writing 48 hours in advance, to the Director of the Alabama Ethics Commission, by personally appearing at the office of the Alabama Ethics Commission at 10:00 AM on March 6, 2015

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: March 6, 2015

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