

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

**INTENDED ACTION:** New

**RULE NO.:** 680-X-1-.02

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

**RULE TITLE:** Office of General Counsel

**ACTION TAKEN:** State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

**Adopted without changes.** The Board received only one comment on proposed Rule 680-X-1-.02. The commenter made various legal arguments to the effect that this proposed Rule does not comply with Act 2025-372, lines 876-892. The Board disagrees with the commenter's legal arguments and notes that it has divided the Office of General Counsel into two separate divisions with two separate attorneys. The commenter also took issue with various aspects of the rule-making process. The Board follows the rule-making process outlined in the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. Therefore, the Board has considered this comment but has decided to certify proposed Rule 680-X-1-.02 without change.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIV, ISSUE NO. 5, AAM,  
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**STAFFORD RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 34-23-93

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

(1) The Office of General Counsel shall be divided into two distinct divisions: the Disciplinary Division and the Administrative Division.

(a) The Disciplinary Division shall be responsible for handling investigations, enforcement, and resolution of disciplinary matters on behalf of the Board.

(b) The Administrative Division shall be responsible for administrative non-disciplinary functions of the board, including providing advice to and answering questions from prospective or current holders of licenses, permits, certificates, or registrations regarding statutory and regulatory compliance. The board shall ensure that any inquiries seeking advice or guidance regarding compliance with a statute or rule is addressed by the administrative division and is not disclosed to the disciplinary division unless an attorney reasonably believes a criminal violation may have occurred.

**Author:** Alabama Board of Pharmacy

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-23-93.

**History: New Rule:** Published April 30, 2026; effective June 14, 2026.