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Mr. Garry Mauro, Commissioner
General Land Office
Stephen F. Austin Building
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

LO-88-29

Dear Commissioner Mauro:

You ask about the legal effect of administrative rules. Specifically, you ask whether administrative rules have the same effect as a statute.

It is a well-established rule in Texas that valid rules and regulations promulgated by an administrative agency acting within its statutory authority have the force and effect of legislation. Lewis v. Jacksonville Building and Loan Association, 540 S.W.2d 307, 310 (Tex. 1976); Texas Liquor Control Board v. Attic Club, 457 S.W.2d 41 (Tex. 1970).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Mattox".

J I M M A T T O X
Attorney General of Texas

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