**Section 700.170 Public Participation and Comments**

a) Except for emergency, peremptory or rules required by Section 5-15 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 127, pars. 1005-15, 1005-45, and 1005-50) the Director shall utilize one of the following procedures in seeking public comments when proposing rules, amendments or repealers:

1) A public hearing before the Director or his/her authorized representative.

2) A public hearing before a departmental or statutorily established advisory board or committee.

3) A written comment period (no public hearing is held).

b) The Director may propose alternative rules or proposals in order to obtain comments on the different proposals.

(Source: Amended at 10 Ill. Reg. 13168, effective July 25, 1986)