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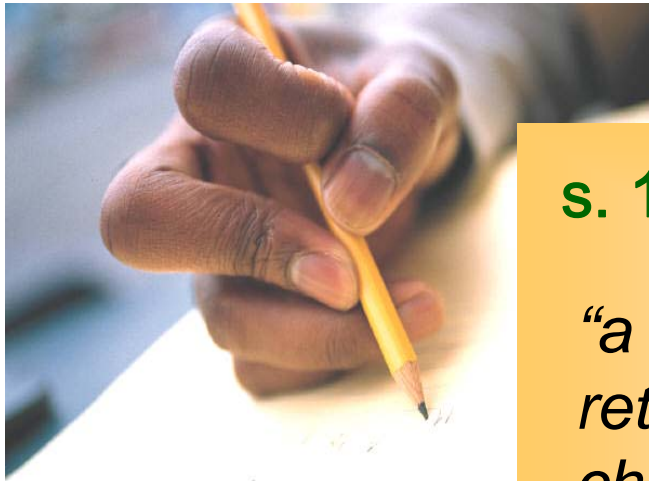
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# Process to Obtain Approval for Exclusive Authority to Sponsor Charter Schools

Presentation to the State Board of Education  
Tallahassee, Florida  
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- **Creates the Florida Schools of Excellence (FSE) Commission**
- **FSE members appointed by the State Board of Education**
  - Appointments by September 1, 2006
  - First Commission meeting by October 1, 2006
- **Cities, universities, community colleges and regional educational consortia can apply to co-sponsor charter schools with the Commission**
- **School districts can apply for “exclusive authority” over the charter schools in their district**
- **Provides rulemaking authority**

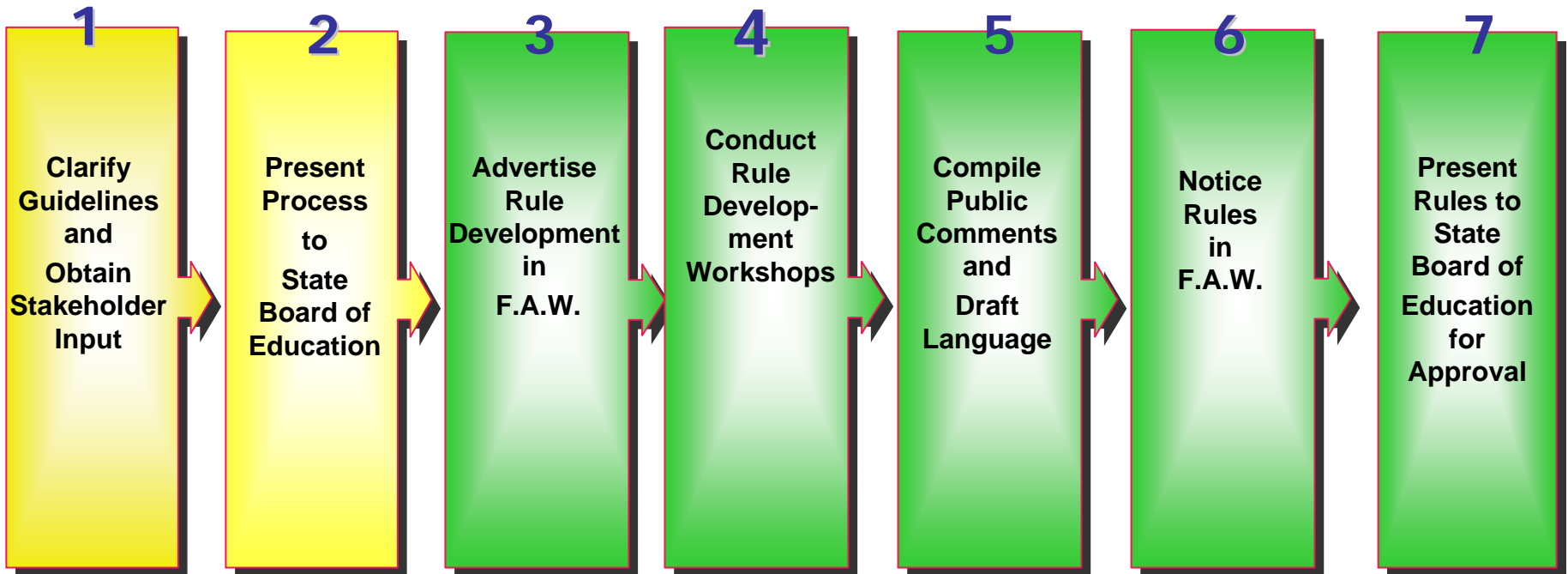


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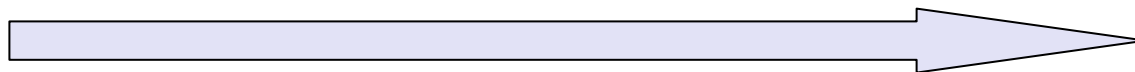
*“a district school board may seek to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the school district by presenting to the State Board of Education ... a written resolution”*

- **District school board shall retain the authority to reauthorize and oversee any charter school that it has authorized**
  - Except a charter school that converts to an FSE school
  
- **District school board may seek to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within its boundaries**
  - Present to the SBE, within 60 days of the establishment of the FSE and on or before March 1 thereafter, a written resolution indicating intent to retain exclusive authority
  
- **SBE may grant exclusive authority to district school board if it meets criteria outlined in statute including:**
  - Fair & equitable treatment to charter schools during prior 4 years
  - No district moratorium regarding charter schools or enrollment limits
  - Assistance with facilities needs
  - Fairly distributed share of federal & state grants to charter schools

- **Initial deadline for school districts to submit written resolution and documentation was October 16, 2006**
- **49 school districts submitted resolutions**
- **13 school districts that submitted resolutions do not have operating charter schools**
- **6 school districts that currently sponsor charter schools did not submit resolutions**
- **All resolutions have been logged and entered into a database**



January 2007



July 2007

- **No action taken on resolutions submitted on or before March 1, 2007, until SBE rules are adopted.**
- **School districts that met the October deadline are not required to submit a complete application on or before March 1, 2007, but must submit a resolution indicating their intent to retain exclusive authority.**
- **School districts that did not apply by the October deadline may submit a written resolution on or before March 1, 2007.**
- **All school districts that submit resolutions on or before March 1, 2007, will be allowed to submit additional documentation to meet SBE rule criteria.**

- **School districts remain responsible for accepting new charter applications on or before August 1, 2007.**
- **Charter school applicants may not submit applications to the FSE while their district has a request to retain exclusive authority pending before the SBE.**



- **Rigorous, transparent, and comprehensive**
- **Regional rulemaking workshops to provide ample and fair opportunity for all stakeholders to participate in the process**
- **Commitment to maintaining stakeholder awareness of rulemaking progress**
- **Interactive website for public comments**





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