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TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA [8000 - 22980] (Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)

DIVISION 3. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT [11000 - 15990.3] (Division 3 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111.)

PART 1. STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES [11000 - 11898] (Part 1 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111.)

CHAPTER 4.5. Administrative Adjudication: General Provisions [11400 - 11475.70] (Chapter 4.5 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 938, Sec. 21.)

ARTICLE 12. Enforcement of Orders and Sanctions [11455.10 - 11455.30] (Article 12 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 938, Sec. 21.)

11455.10. A person is subject to the contempt sanction for any of the following in an adjudicative proceeding before an agency:

- (a) Disobedience of or resistance to a lawful order.
- (b) Refusal to take the oath or affirmation as a witness or thereafter refusal to be examined.
- (c) Obstruction or interruption of the due course of the proceeding during a hearing or near the place of the hearing by any of the following:
 - (1) Disorderly, contemptuous, or insolent behavior toward the presiding officer while conducting the proceeding.
 - (2) Breach of the peace, boisterous conduct, or violent disturbance.
 - (3) Other unlawful interference with the process or proceedings of the agency.
- (d) Violation of the prohibition of ex parte communications under Article 7 (commencing with Section 11430.10).
- (e) Failure or refusal, without substantial justification, to comply with a deposition order, discovery request, subpoena, or other order of the presiding officer, or moving, without substantial justification, to compel discovery.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 938, Sec. 21. Effective January 1, 1996. Operative July 1, 1997, by Sec. 98 of Ch. 938 and Section 11400.10.)

11455.20. (a) The presiding officer or agency head may certify the facts that justify the contempt sanction against a person to the superior court in and for the county where the proceeding is conducted. The court shall thereupon issue an order directing the person to appear before the court at a specified time and place, and then and there to show cause why the person should not be punished for contempt. The order and a copy of the certified statement shall be served on the person. Upon service of the order and a copy of the certified statement, the court has jurisdiction of the matter.

(b) The same proceedings shall be had, the same penalties may be imposed, and the person charged may purge the contempt in the same way, as in the case of a person who has committed a contempt in the trial of a civil action before a superior court.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 938, Sec. 21. Effective January 1, 1996. Operative July 1, 1997, by Sec. 98 of Ch. 938 and Section 11400.10.)

11455.30. (a) The presiding officer may order a party, the party's attorney or other authorized representative, or both, to pay reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by another party as a result of bad faith actions or tactics that are frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay as defined in Section 128.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(b) The order, or denial of an order, is subject to judicial review in the same manner as a decision in the proceeding. The order is enforceable in the same manner as a money judgment or by the contempt sanction.

(Added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 938, Sec. 21. Effective January 1, 1996. Operative July 1, 1997, by Sec. 98 of Ch. 938 and Section 11400.10.)