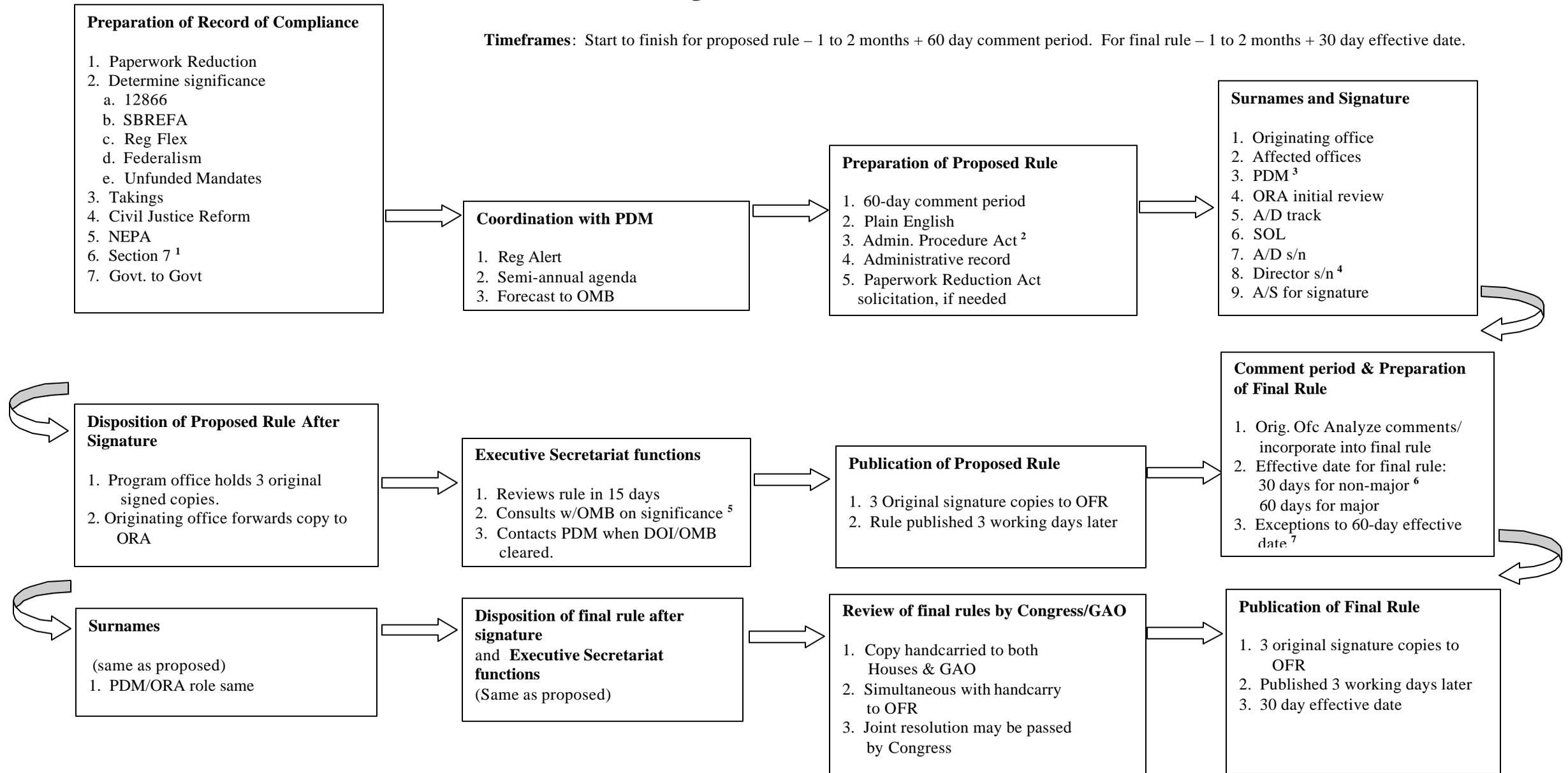


Regulations Process Flowchart

Timeframes: Start to finish for proposed rule – 1 to 2 months + 60 day comment period. For final rule – 1 to 2 months + 30 day effective date.



¹ Necessary for any regs that may have an effect on listed species. Entails a determination of what impact the regulations will have on the continued existence of the species.

² Encompasses public comment, need for public meetings, hearings, any documentation requirements for ex parte communications.

³ PDM reviews for procedure, administrative compliance, plain English, and tracking

⁴ The Director may sign only Endangered Species listings, delistings, reclassifications or minor notices.

⁵ If rule is significant under E.O. 12866, program office completes submission form, signed by originating office, PDM, and ES. copy of rule and signed form forwarded to OMB who may take up to 90 days to review.

⁶ Definition of “major” is similar but not identical to the definition of economically significant under E.O. 12866.

⁷ Where the agency promulgated the rule determines the effective date.