Proposed rules can be blocked by public or congress

Process and obstacles for enacting and enforcing federal rules

An agency may decide to scrap the proposed regulation after reviewing comments from interested parties and other government officials.

Congress may pass a Resolution of Disapproval prior to the rule's enactment, which, if signed by the President, can prevent the rule from going into effect.

Congress may pass new legislation restricting agencies' ability to enact such rules.

*Note*
The public comment period is the main obstacle to finalizing a rule; comments from knowledgeable insiders can significantly alter or eliminate the rule.


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