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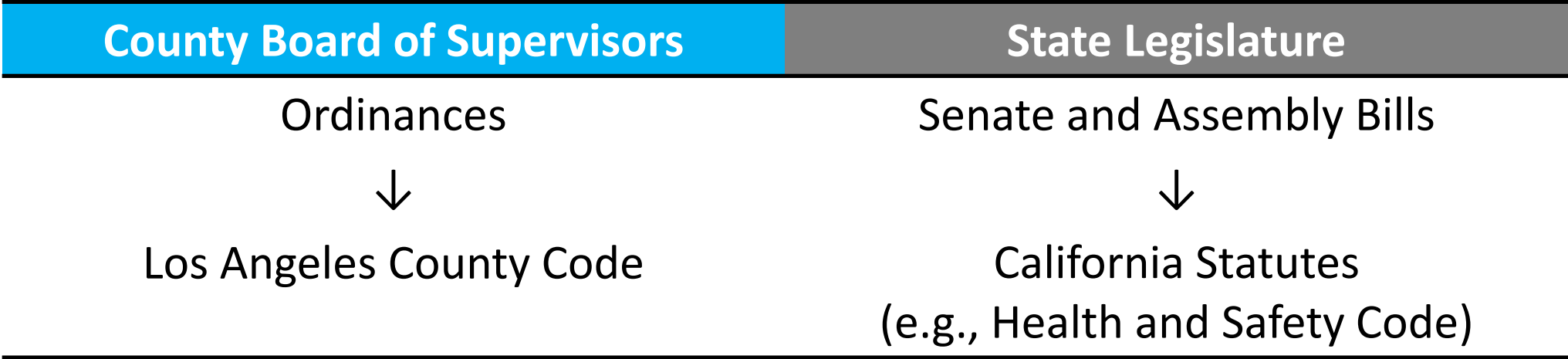
County of Los Angeles Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Presented by Principal Deputy County Counsel Lauren Black



ORDINANCES AND THE COUNTY CODE



COC PURPOSE

Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC)

The purpose of the Commission is to improve public transparency and accountability with respect to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, by providing robust opportunities for community engagement, ongoing analysis and oversight of the Department's policies, practices, procedures, and advice to the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff's Department, and the public. (County Code, § 3.79.020.)



SUBPOENA POWER

SUBPOENAS

subpoena or **sub·pe·na** [*suh-pee-nuh, suh b-*]

noun

- 1 the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses or the submission of evidence, as records or documents, before a court or other deliberative body.

verb (used with object), sub·poe·naed, sub·poe·na·ing.

- 2 to serve with a subpoena.

(*Dictionary.com Unabridged*, “subpoena,” accessed Feb. 21, 2020, <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/subpoena>.)



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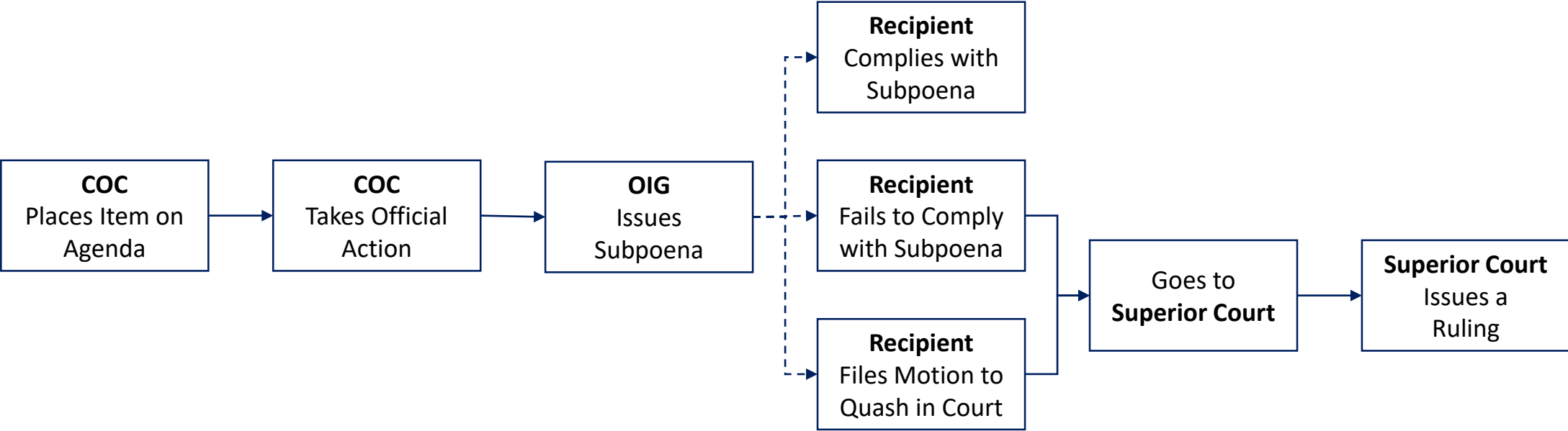
Office of Inspector General (OIG)

The OIG's functions include ... Issuing subpoenas for records, documents, information, or testimony when directed to do so upon action by the Board of Supervisors or the COC....

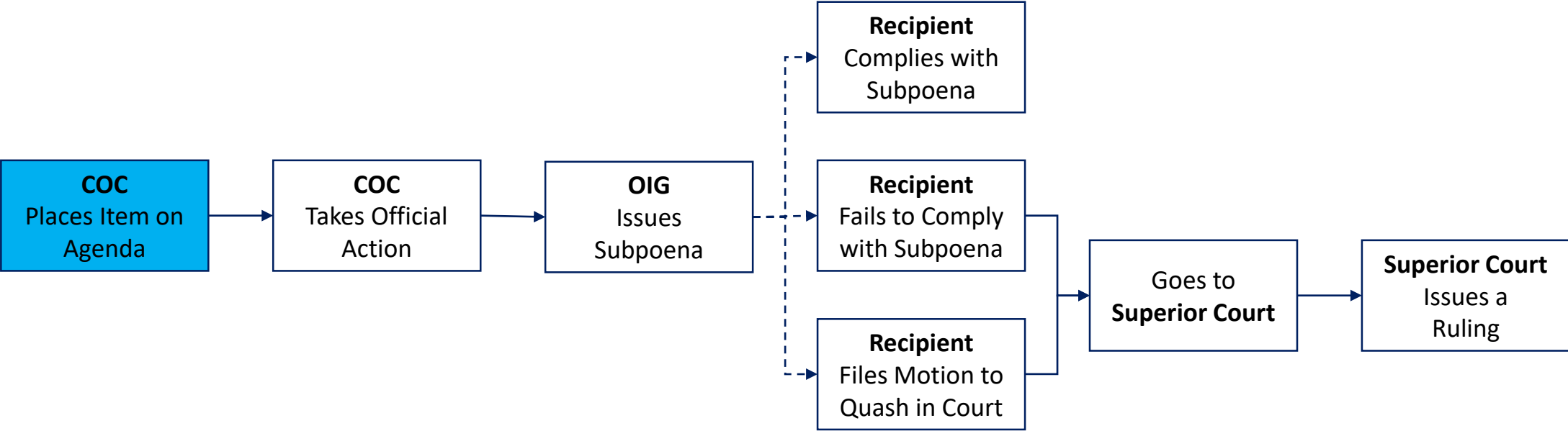
The records, documents, and information received by the OIG may be provided to the directing party in compliance with all laws and consistent with [this ordinance]. (County Code, § 6.44.190 F (5).)



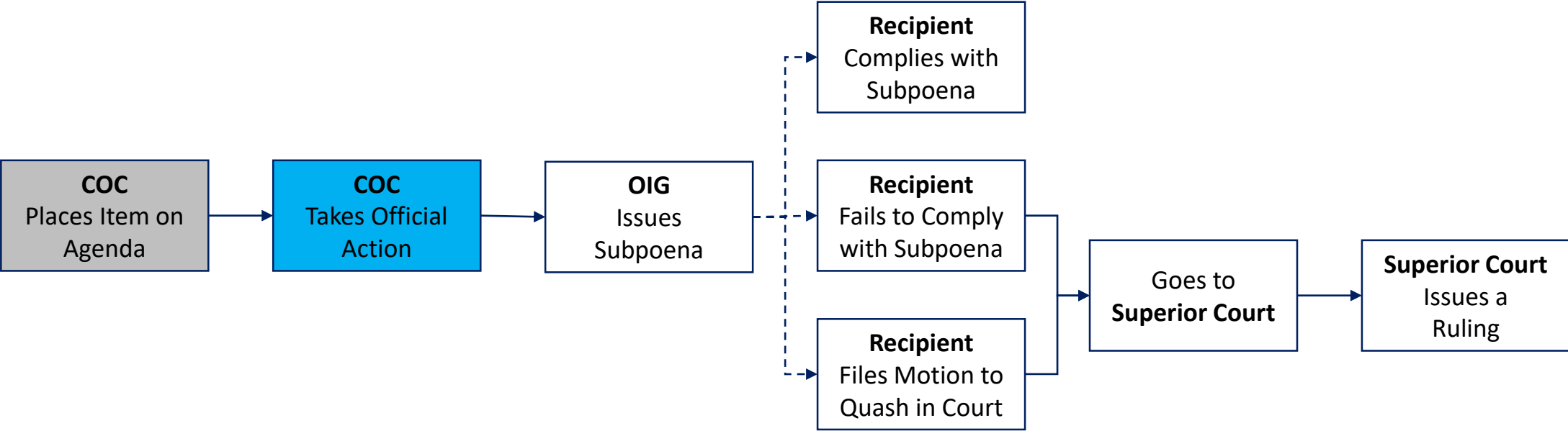
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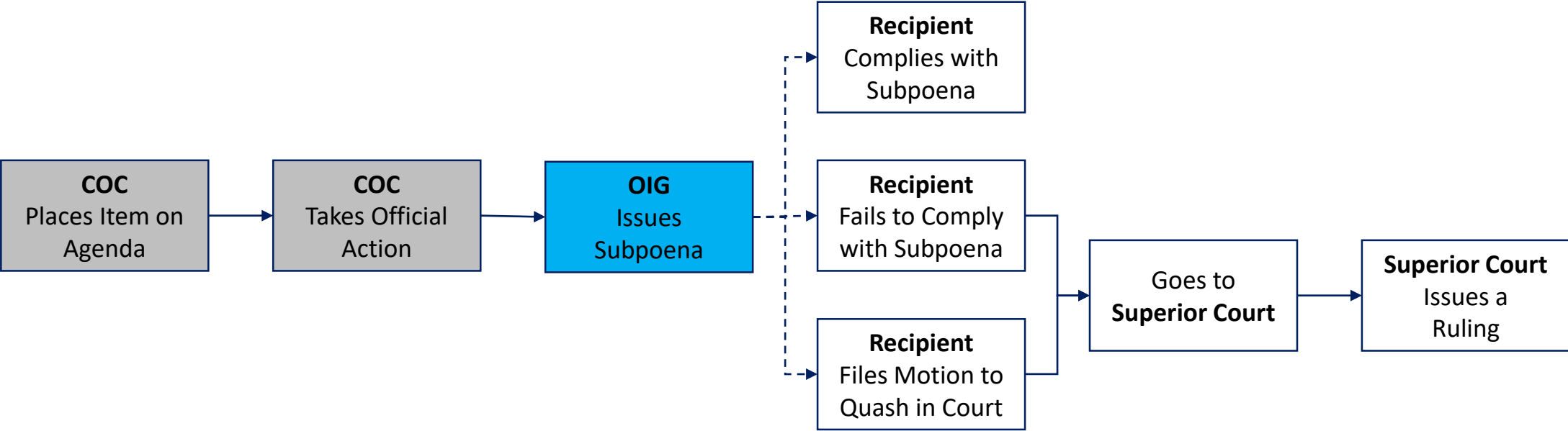
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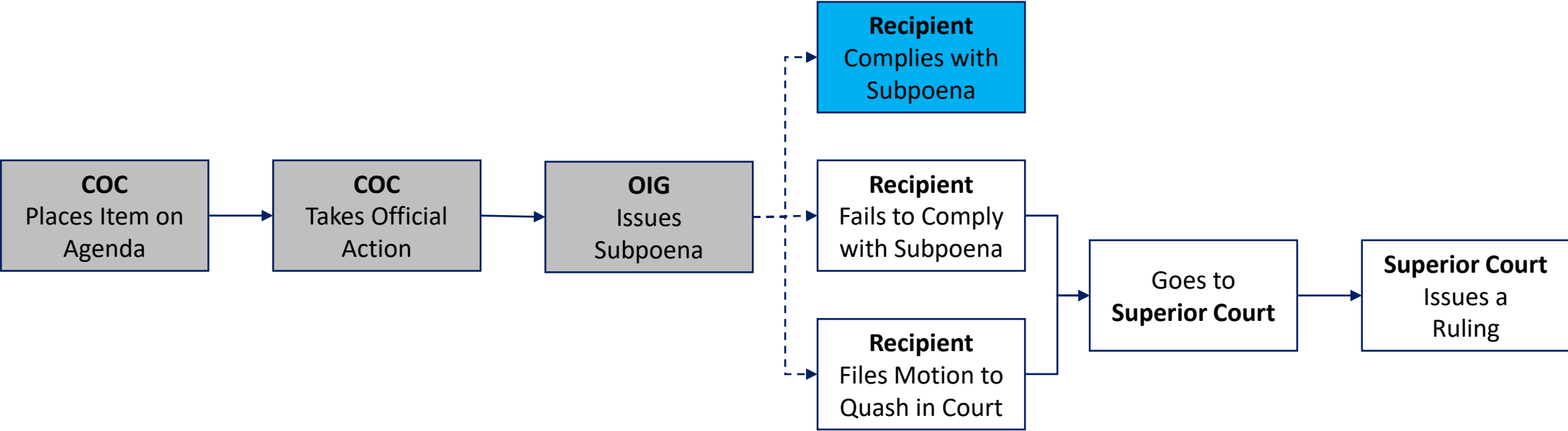
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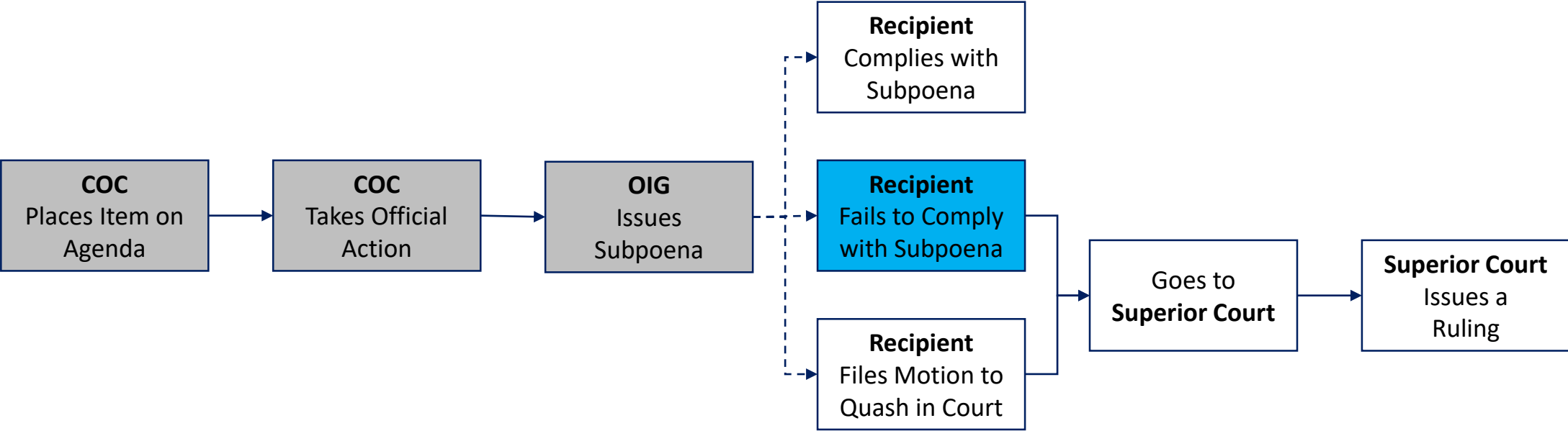
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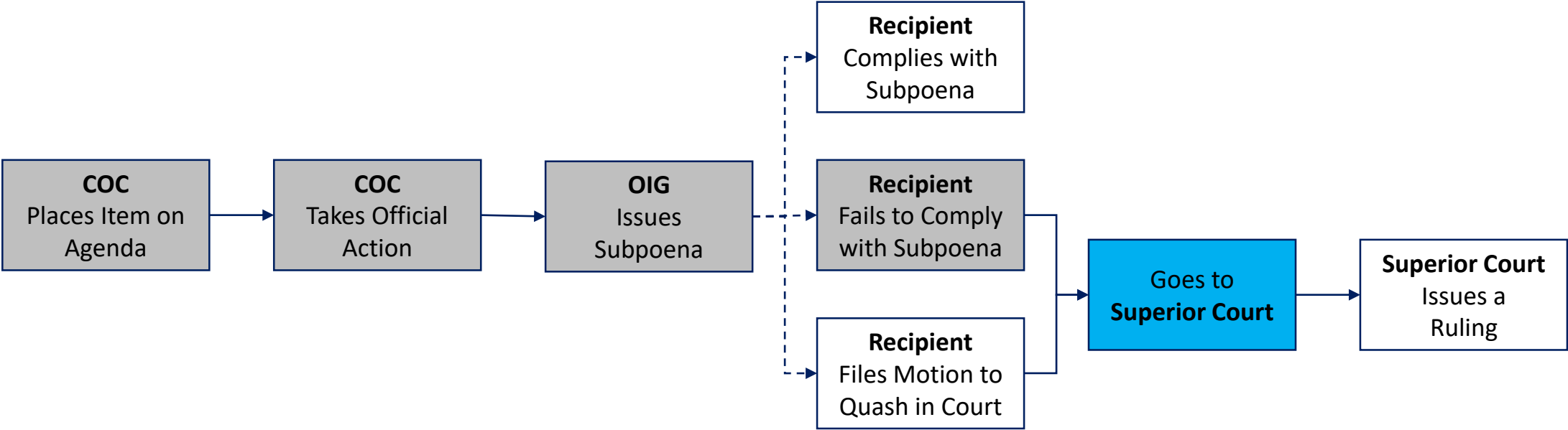
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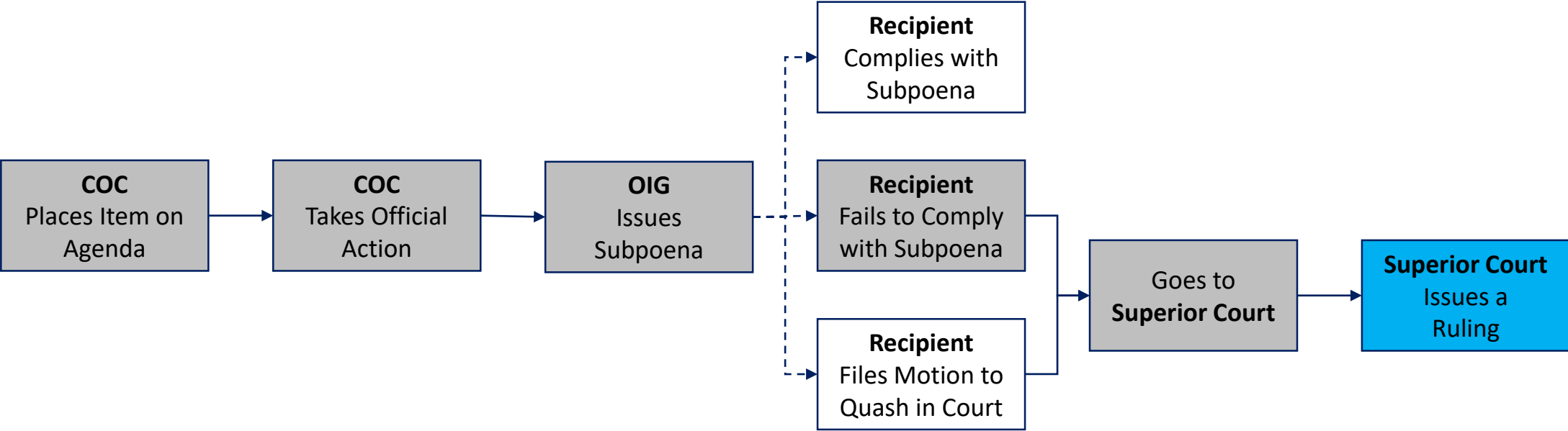
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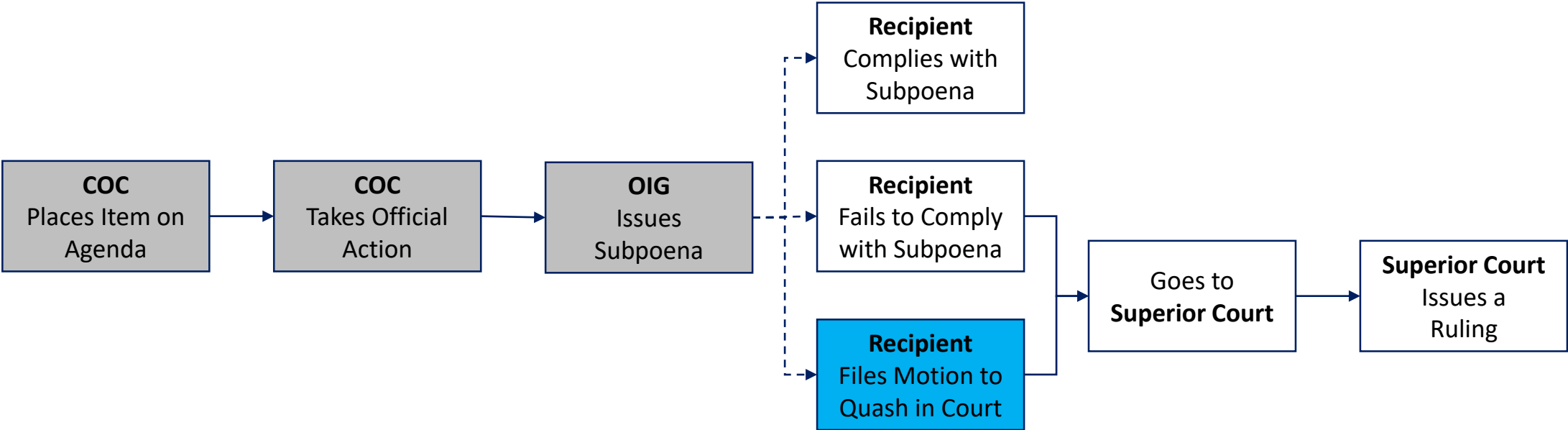
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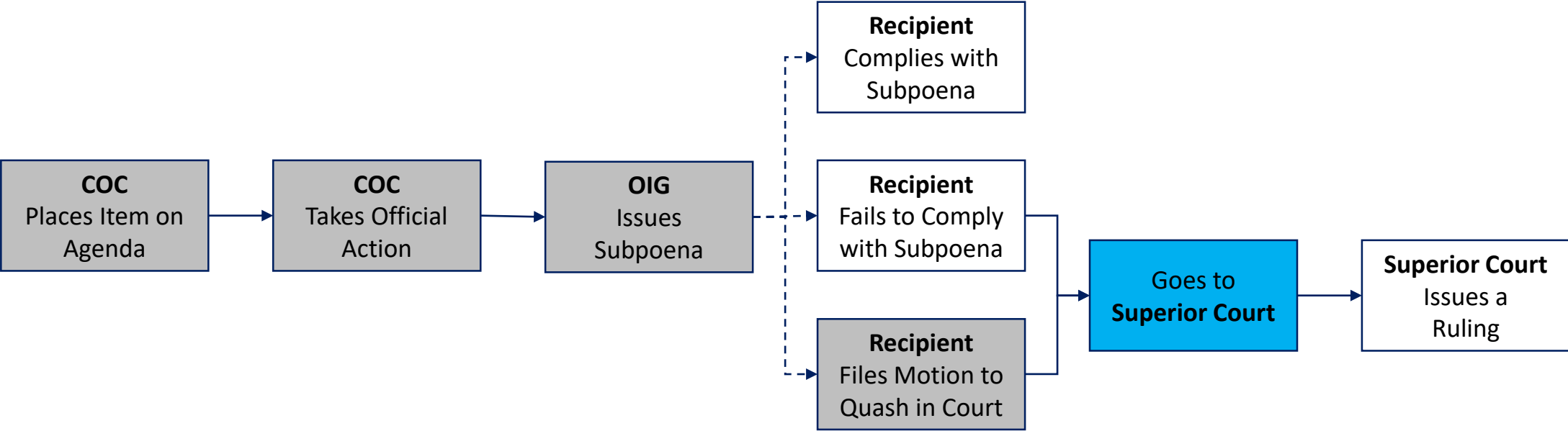
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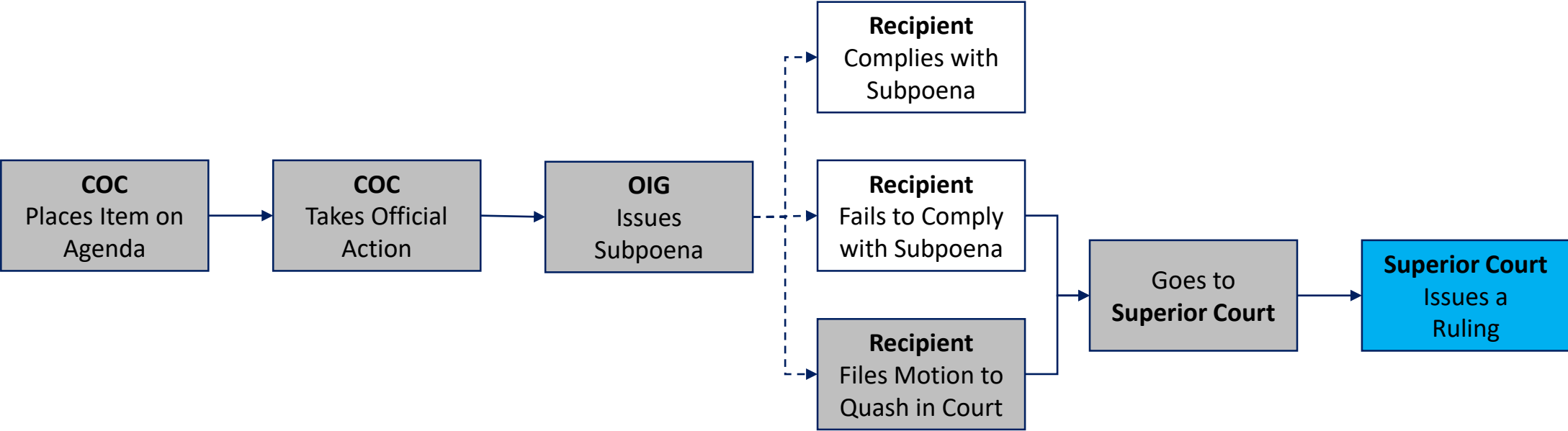
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MEASURE R

The measure proposes amending section 3.79.190, entitled Obtaining Documents and Information, granting the Commission subpoena power for documents or witnesses and deleting provisions requiring the Commission to be bound by a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff for access to Records. (County Measure R Official Title and Summary.)



THANK YOU

