

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Const. 1890, §133.

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: The Secretary of State's Office is responsible for enrolling legislation passed during each legislative session. Assigning chapter numbers to each piece of legislation is a part of the enrolling process. Traditionally, the series of chapter numbers for concurrent resolutions began with the number following that of the last general bill and therefore could only be assigned after all general bills had been enrolled. The procedure delayed the release of chapter numbers for concurrent resolutions several weeks past the end of the legislative session. The proposed rule reserves a series of chapter numbers (beginning with chapter 2001) for the concurrent resolutions, which would allow the enrolling process to be completed (and chapter numbers assigned and posted) soon after the resolutions are received.

In addition, legislation requiring amendments to the state constitution is currently classified as concurrent resolutions. Persons researching the legislation have reported difficulty finding the proposed amendments to the constitution due to this classification. The proposed rule would designate the classification of proposed constitutional amendments under general bills. This change may alleviate some of the problems researchers encounter when searching for the proposed constitutional amendments.

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxes as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: {Insert Date} Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least ____ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: March 31, 2006

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: April 30, 2006

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing