



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Secretary of State
Public Lands Division**

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule:

MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 77-11-11, 29-1-107 & 29-15-1, *et seq.*

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule:

Rule 4 of Rules of the Secretary of State for the Administration, Control and Leasing of Public Trust Tidelands

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

The purpose of the proposed changes is to set forth as rule certain policies which have long been in effect with regard to the leasing of public trust tidelands and submerged lands and to clarify and update leasing management policies and evaluation criteria, including policies and evaluation criteria regarding littoral and riparian property.

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers 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:
September 28, 2007
Secretary of State's Coast Office
1701 24th Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi
9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

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 no later than 5:00 P.M. September 25, 2007 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:

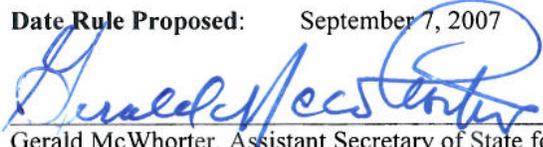
The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

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: September 7, 2007

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: October 5, 2007



Gerald McWhorter, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Lands
Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing