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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
SECRETARY OF STATE
Elections Division**

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-47; 42 USC § 15483; 42 USC § 1973gg-4; 42 USC § 1973gg-5; 42 USC § 1973gg-7; 42 USC § 15483

Reference to Rules amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Rule No. 9068; Adoption of Mail-In Voter Registration Form to Comply with Federal and State Law Changes

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: Federal law requires the States to accept and use the mail voter registration application form described in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) for registration of voters in elections for Federal office. Further, NVRA requires states to designate as voter registration agencies all offices that provide public assistance and offices that provide state-funded programs to persons with disabilities. These designated agencies are required to distribute with each application for assistance the mail voter registration application form described in the National Voter Registration Act. The intent of this rule is to adopt a uniform mail-in voter registration form for the State of Mississippi that complies with all Federal and State law requirements.

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: _____ Time: _____
Place: N/A

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.

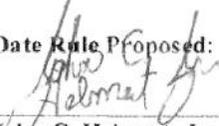
Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

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: December 2, 2009

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: January 26, 2009



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