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NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
ELECTIONS DIVISION

**FILED**  
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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Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the  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

Date Rule Proposed: December 2, 2009

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.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: N/A  
Time: N/A  
Place: N/A

An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

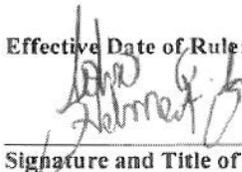
This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:  
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and  
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

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

Effective Date of Rule: **MARCH 1, 2010**

  
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Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing