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Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A PDF document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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EMAIL Aaron@mdac.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Subpart 2-Administrative Rules, Chapter 15Agriculture and Forestry Museum Collection Policy and Procedure		
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: *Miss. Code Ann.* §69-1-1 *et seq.*	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Subpart 3-Administrative Rules, Chapter 15- Agriculture and Forestry Museum Collection Policy and Procedure		

SIGNATURE	TITLE Deputy Commissioner
DATE 9/12/2016	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 11/8/2016

1. Describe the need for the proposed action:

   Select artifacts in the collection of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum must be handled and used in a manner that best demonstrates educational significance, as well as maintains the collections in perpetuity.

2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:

   The select artifacts in the collection of the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum will be better maintained by museum staff and qualified volunteers in order to be accessible to the public for educational purposes and to conserve the history of Mississippi agriculture.

3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:

Maintenance of the collection of artifacts will be a precaution the museum will take on behalf of visitors' welfare and wellbeing.

4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues:

   There is no anticipated cost associated with enforcing the proposed action to any entity.

5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action:

   Proper maintenance, care and exhibition of the selected museum collection as an attraction has the potential to increase tourism activity in the Jackson area which in turn benefits the state through sales tax revenue.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business:
   a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: n/a
   b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record:
      These duties will be carried out by the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum Director of Collections who is trained and skilled in collections management. This position is a full-time salaried position of the MDAC.

   c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: n/a

   d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
      i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
      ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
      iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
      iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
      v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations:

7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule:

   There is no anticipated cost.

8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law:

   There are no alternative recommended methods to achieve this purpose.

9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency:

   There are no recommended alternative methods for maintaining and developing a museum collection.

10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above:

    n/a

11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection:

    The American Alliance of Museums, who sets the standards of characteristics of excellence for museums in the United States, recommends the following:

    - The museum legally, ethically, and effectively manages, documents, cares for, and uses the collections.
    - The museum's collections-related research is conducted according to appropriate scholarly standards.
    - Guided by its mission, the museum provides public access to its collections while ensuring their preservation.
    - The museum is a good steward of its resources held in the public trust.
    - The museum is committed to public accountability and is transparent in its mission and its operations.
    - The museum complies with local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations applicable to its facilities, operations, and administration.