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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

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Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Amending Absentee Voting Guidelines to conform to amendments made to absentee voting during the 2026 legislative cycle. Specifically changes in-person absentee voting go into effect 9/19/2026 and this permanent rule is necessary to provide ongoing guidance for in person absentee voting. It also revises role of Resolution Board to review only mail-in absentee ballots and deletes Chapter 4 for Signature Mismatch and Cure

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-227, 23-15-519 et al, 23-15-571, 23-15-577, 23-15-625, 23-15-637, 23-15-639,

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: 1 Miss. Admin Code, Part 17, Chapter 2-Chapter 3 (revised) with Chapter 4 repealed (Updated clean proposed copy submitted with version showing changes)

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more 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, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) ☒ Amendment to existing rule(s) ☒ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: ☒ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: _____ Action taken: _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Laura Henderson-Courtney, Sr. Attorney, Elections, MS SOS

Signature of person authorized to file rules: /s/Laura Henderson-Courtney

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

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