

Mississippi Secretary of State

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

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EMAIL Sally.doty@beam.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE 09/3/25	Name or number of rule(s): Title 12, Part 12, Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM), Chapters 1-9		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Amending matching requirement in Rule 2.1.2(4) from 33% to 10%; technical addition to Rule 2.2; incorporation of new guidance in Rule 2.2.1; revising Rule 2.1.2(4), 2.1.5, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4, 2.3.5, 2.3.6, and 2.3.7 to conform with new federal guidance; revision of Rule 2.3 to acknowledge termination of Digital Skills and Accessibility Program; clarifying change to Rule 4.2(2); clarifying change to Rule 9.1

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 2022 Miss. Laws, Ch. 397 (H.B. No. 1029), codified at Miss. Code Ann. §77-19-1 through §77-19-17.

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Rule 2.1.2(4), 2.1.5, 2.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4, 2.3.5, 2.3.6, 2.3.7, 2.3, 4.2(2), and 9.1

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☒ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: 08/29/25 Time: 10:30 a.m. Place: 501 North West Street, Woolfolk Building, Room 138, Jackson, MS 39201

☐ 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: <u>7/31/2025</u> 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): <u>Immediately upon filing of final rules per BEAM Rule 9.1</u>

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Sally B. Doty, Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: Sally B. Doty

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