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Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State

Public Hearing Notice

In compliance with R.S. 49:964(B), the Department of State gives notice that a public hearing will be held on December 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. at the Division of Administrative Law, located at 1020 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, for the purpose of receiving comments from all interested persons regarding any rule of the Department of State and its divisions, which the person believes is contrary to law, outdated, unnecessary, overly complex, or burdensome. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing regarding Department of State rules only. The Department of State will consider fully all written and oral comments. For comments to be submitted to the legislative oversight committees, individuals will be asked to submit their comment in writing and include their name, contact information, and signature. The hearing site is accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. If you have a disability and require further accommodation to participate in the hearing, please contact Tray Wood by email at legal@sos.la.gov or by telephone at 225-287-7479 to discuss your accessibility needs.

Additionally, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments, data, opinions and arguments regarding any rule of the Department of State and its divisions via U.S. Mail, hand-delivery, or email. All written public comments must be dated and include the signature and contact information of the person submitting the comment and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 11, 2025. The Department of State will only consider and review those comments received at the public hearing or those written comments transmitted and timely received via U.S. Mail, hand-delivery, or email prior to the deadline. Any mailed, handwritten, or emailed comments are to be submitted to Tray Wood, General Counsel, legal@sos.la.gov, Department of State, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125.

In accordance with law, the Department of State shall issue a response to each submission describing the principal advantages and disadvantages of the rule changes suggested in the submission. In addition, the Department of State may prepare a statement explaining the basis and rationale for the rule in question identifying the data and evidence upon which the rule is based. All such statements and responses to submissions shall be furnished to the respective legislative oversight committees and shall be made available to interested persons as soon as possible but no later than one day following their submission to the appropriate oversight committees.

Tray Wood
General Counsel