

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 11th day of January, 2021, and filed with the agency secretary on the 11th day of January, 2021.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Secretary of State

New Repeal Amend (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 820-2-2-.32
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Oath on the Voter Registration Form

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Without Changes

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XXXIX,
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Statutory Rulemaking Authority: 17-5-8

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Secretary of State

(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.

820-2-2-.32 Oath on the Voter Registration Form.

Pursuant to 17-3-52 of the *Code of Alabama*, voter registration applicants must sign a voter registration form that contains an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State Constitution of Alabama. Currently, that oath ends with the phrase "so help me God." If an applicant objects to that phrase due to sincerely held beliefs, the applicant may strike through the phrase and then sign the registration form. If the applicant is otherwise qualified to vote, the Board of Registrars shall accept a valid voter registration form when the phrase "so help me God" is stricken through by the applicant. Striking through this phrase is the only modification that applicants may make to the language of the voter registration form.

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Statutory Authority: 17-3-52

History: New Rule: Filed November 12, 2020; Effective March 15, 2021