

By: Representatives Banks, Evans

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1374

1 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE "STARS AND BARS" FROM THE MISSISSIPPI
2 STATE FLAG; TO PROVIDE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH AND PROVIDE
3 FOR A REPLACEMENT OF THE "STARS AND BARS" ON THE STATE FLAG; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. It is declared to be the intention of the
7 Legislature that the "stars and bars" should no longer be a part
8 of the Mississippi state flag after a replacement design has been
9 approved and proclaimed by the Governor of Mississippi.

10 SECTION 2. There is created a study committee to consider
11 and approve a replacement of the "stars and bars" in the canton
12 corner of the Mississippi state flag. The study committee shall
13 consist of nine (9) residents of the state who are knowledgeable
14 in Mississippi history. The Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives shall appoint five (5) residents of the state to
16 the committee and the President of the Senate shall appoint four
17 (4) residents of the state to the committee. None of the
18 committee members shall be elected officials of the state.

19 The committee shall meet as soon after this act becomes
20 effective as is convenient for its members. The committee shall
21 meet no more than once per month and shall continue to meet no
22 longer than one (1) year from the date of its first meeting.
23 There shall be no per diem compensation, as provided in Section
24 25-3-69, for the members of the committee. Travel expenses,
25 meals, lodging and other necessary expenses incurred by the
26 members of the committee in furtherance of the provisions of this
27 act shall be paid pursuant to Section 25-3-41.

28 When the committee makes its determination as to the
29 replacement of the "stars and bars," it shall present its
30 recommendations to the Governor. If the Governor approves the
31 recommendations, he shall sign a proclamation declaring the new
32 state flag.

33 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 1999.