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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 676

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND THE DESIGN FOR A
2 NEW STATE FLAG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. (1) There is established a commission to
5 recommend the design for a new Mississippi flag that will reflect
6 the diversity of the population.

7 (2) The commission shall consist of the following twelve
8 (12) members:

9 (a) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor of the
10 State of Mississippi who are representatives of the general public
11 and who are knowledgeable in Mississippi history;

12 (b) The President Pro Tempore of the Mississippi
13 Senate;

14 (c) The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of
15 Representatives;

16 (d) Three (3) members appointed by the Lieutenant
17 Governor of the State of Mississippi as follows:

18 (i) A member of the Mississippi Senate; and

19 (ii) Two (2) members of the general public; and

20 (e) Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the
21 Mississippi House of Representatives as follows:

22 (i) One (1) member of the Mississippi House of
23 Representatives; and

24 (ii) Two (2) members of the general public.

25 (3) The appointments shall be made by September 1, 2000.
26 Within fifteen (15) days thereafter, on a day to be designated
27 jointly by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker
28 of the House, the commission shall meet and organize by selecting
29 from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. The vice
30 chairman also shall serve as secretary and shall be responsible
31 for keeping all records of the commission. The commission shall
32 meet no more than once per month. A majority of the members of
33 the commission shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. An
34 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting
35 shall be required in the adoption of any actions taken by the
36 commission. All members shall be notified in writing of all
37 regular and special meetings of the commission, which notices
38 shall be mailed at least ten (10) days before the dates of the
39 meetings. All meetings shall take place at the State Capitol in
40 Jackson, Mississippi.

41 (4) Members of the commission shall not receive
42 compensation. However, each member may be paid travel expenses
43 and meals and lodging expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41, for
44 such expenses incurred in furtherance of their duties. Travel
45 expenses and meals and lodging expenses and other necessary
46 expenses incurred by the commission shall be paid out of funds
47 appropriated to the Governor's Office.

48 (5) In carrying out the provisions of this act, the
49 commission may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of
50 all departments, agencies, offices and institutions of the state.

51 (6) The commission shall file its report and recommendations
52 for the design of the new Mississippi flag with the Secretary of

53 the Senate and the Clerk of the House not later than January 1,
54 2001. The commission shall be dissolved once the recommendation
55 is filed.

56 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2000.