By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th), White (29th), To: Appropriations King

SENATE BILL NO. 2327

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG AND COAT-OF-ARMS; 1 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 2 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 4 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi State Flag shall have the following design: with width two-thirds (2/3) of its length; with 5 the union square, in width two-thirds (2/3) of the width of the 6 7 flaq; the ground of the union to be red and a broad blue saltier 8 thereon, bordered with white and emblazoned with thirteen (13) mullets or five-pointed stars, corresponding with the number of 9 the original States of the Union; the field to be divided into 10 three (3) bars of equal width, the upper one blue, the center one 11 white, and the lower one, extending the whole length of the flag, 12 red (the national colors); the staff surmounted with a spear-head 13 and a battle axe below; and the flag to be fringed with gold and 14

15 the staff gilded with gold.

(2) The Mississippi Coat-of-Arms shall have the following 16 a shield, blue in color, with an eagle upon it with 17 design: extended pinions, holding in the right talon a palm branch and 18 bundle of arrows in the left, with the word "Mississippi" above 19 the eagle; the lettering on the shield and the eagle to be in 20 gold; below the shield two (2) branches of the cotton stalk, 21 saltier wise, and a scroll below extending upward and on each side 22 three-fourths (3/4) of the length of the shield; upon the scroll, 23 which is to be red, the motto to be printed in gold letters upon 24 25 white spaces, the motto to be "Virtute et Armis."

26 (3) The Governor of the State is authorized and empowered to 27 procure a Mississippi State Flag of proper dimensions, which shall S. B. No. 2327 G1/2 01/SS01/R2.1 PAGE 1 be preserved in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State, and also to procure a steel plate and one (1) metal electrotype plate for printing and engraving the Coat-of-Arms, which plates shall be preserved in the Office of the Secretary of State. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.