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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 524

By Senator(s) Walls

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

6 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as
7 Section 3-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972:
8 3-3-16. (1) The official flag of the State of Mississippi
9 shall have the following design: with width two-thirds (2/3) of
10 its length; the union (canton) to be square, bordered with white
11 on the fly side and the bottom side, in width two-thirds (2/3) the
12 width of the flag, the ground of the union to be old glory blue,
13 and emblazoned with an outer circle of thirteen (13) five-pointed
14 stars, an inner circle of six (6) five-pointed stars and a single
15 large five-pointed star in the center; the stars in the inner and
16 outer circle to be one-twelfth (1/12) the width of the flag, and
17 the center star to be one-eighth (1/8) the width of the flag, with
18 all stars to be pointed upward; the field to be divided into three
19 (3) bars of equal width, the upper one old glory blue, the center
20 one white and the lower one old glory red. The nineteen (19)
21 stars surrounding the center star represent the first nineteen
22 (19) states admitted to the United States. The center star

23 represents the State of Mississippi and symbolizes that
24 Mississippi was the twentieth state admitted to the United
25 States.

26 (2) The flag adopted by the Mississippi Legislature in the
27 1894 Special Session shall be an official historical flag of the
28 State of Mississippi and shall be honored, protected and flown
29 wherever historical flags are flown.

30 (3) None of the following items, structures or areas may be
31 relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or rededicated:
32 any Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the
33 States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean
34 War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native-American or
35 African-American historical statue, monument, memorial or
36 nameplate, which has been erected on public property of the state
37 or any of its political subdivisions; and any statue, monument,
38 memorial, nameplate, street, bridge, building, park, preserve,
39 reserve or other public item, structure or area of the state or
40 any of its political subdivisions, which has been dedicated in
41 memory of or named for any historical figure or historical event.

42 No person may prevent the public body responsible for
43 maintaining any of the items, structures or areas described above
44 from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the
45 protection, preservation and care of those items, structures or
46 areas.

47 The provisions of this subsection (3) may be amended or
48 repealed only upon passage of an act that has received a
49 two-thirds (2/3) vote on final passage in each house of the
50 Legislature.

51 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG; TO PROVIDE THAT
2 THE 1894 FLAG DESIGN SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL HISTORIC FLAG; TO
3 PROHIBIT THE ALTERATION OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND
4 MEMORIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.