MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Chism

To: Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands

HOUSE BILL NO. 362

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE OFFICIAL STATE FLAG AND THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE DISPLAYED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ALL STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 3-3-15. Except as otherwise provided herein, the flag of the United States of America and the official flag of the State of Mississippi as described in Section 3-3-16 shall be displayed in close proximity to each state-owned building, and at office spaces occupied by state government in other buildings, from sunrise to sunset. The ** flags may be displayed from all public buildings other than state-owned buildings, from sunrise to sunset. The ** flags may be displayed from all public buildings twenty-four (24) hours a day if properly illuminated. The ** flags should not be displayed when the weather is inclement, except when all-weather flags are displayed. The official state flag shall receive all of the respect and ceremonious etiquette given the ** flag of the United States of America; however, nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the precedence given to the flag of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.