

By: Representative Chism

To: Public Buildings,  
Grounds and Lands

HOUSE BILL NO. 362

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

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 3-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 3-3-15. Except as otherwise provided herein, the flag of the  
9 United States of America and the official flag of the State of  
10 Mississippi as described in Section 3-3-16 shall be displayed in  
11 close proximity to each state-owned building, and at office spaces  
12 occupied by state government in other buildings, from sunrise to  
13 sunset. The \* \* \* flags may be displayed from all public  
14 buildings other than state-owned buildings, from sunrise to  
15 sunset. The \* \* \* flags may be displayed from all public  
16 buildings twenty-four (24) hours a day if properly illuminated.  
17 The \* \* \* flags should not be displayed when the weather is  
18 inclement, except when \* \* \* all-weather flags are displayed. The  
19 official state flag shall receive all of the respect and  
20 ceremonious etiquette given the \* \* \* flag of the United States of  
21 America; however, nothing in this section shall be construed \* \* \*  
22 to affect the precedence given to the flag of the United States of  
23 America.

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

