

By: Representative Fleming

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 821

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SHALL
3 HAVE AN HISTORICAL DESIGN, INCORPORATING THE NATIONAL COLORS, THE
4 STATE EMBLEMS OF THE MOCKINGBIRD AND THE MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM, AND
5 SILVER STARS COMMEMORATING MISSISSIPPI AS THE TWENTIETH STATE IN
6 THE UNION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 3-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall
11 have the following design: with width two-thirds (2/3) of its
12 length; the field to be divided into three bars of equal width,
13 with each bar extending the whole length of the flag, the upper
14 one blue, the center one white, and the lower one red; with a
15 mockingbird (the state bird), standing on a small branch and
16 facing away from the flagpole, in the center of the flag and
17 overlying the bars; with one (1) large magnolia (the state
18 flower) blossom directly below the mockingbird and two (2) smaller
19 magnolia blossoms (half the size of the large magnolia blossom) on
20 each side of the large magnolia blossom, forming a semicircle
21 under the mockingbird; with the mockingbird and the magnolia
22 blossoms encircled by twenty (20) silver stars of equal dimension,
23 the stars commemorating Mississippi's status as the twentieth
24 state in the Union.

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

