

By: Representatives Chism, Nicholson,
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To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 533

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, 2004.