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To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1541

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-101-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REQUIRE EACH STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO
3 DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE FLAG OF THE
4 UNITED STATES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION
5 BUILDING DURING THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT WHEN THE INSTITUTION IS IN
6 SESSION; TO REQUIRE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO LOWER
7 THE UNITED STATES FLAG WHENEVER THE FLAG IS TO BE FLOWN AT
8 HALF-STAFF BY ORDER OR INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
9 STATES OR PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
12 37-101-28, Mississippi Code of 1972:

13 37-101-28. (1) At each state institution of higher learning,
14 the flag of the State of Mississippi and the flag of the United
15 States shall be displayed in close proximity to the university
16 administration building at all times during the hours of daylight
17 when the institution is in session when the weather will permit
18 without damage to the flag. It shall be the duty of the Board of
19 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to provide for
20 the flags and their display at the institutions.



21 (2) Whenever the flag of the United States is to be flown at
22 half-staff by order or instructions of the President of the United
23 States or pursuant to federal law, all state institutions of
24 higher learning shall lower the United States flag in accordance
25 with the executive order or instructions or federal law. The
26 institution shall announce the reason that the flag is being flown
27 at half-staff by prominently displaying written notice throughout
28 the institution and providing electronic notice to the students
29 and faculty stating the reason that the flag has been lowered.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2016.

