

By: Representative Sykes

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1548

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CHANGE THE DESIGN OF THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF
3 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall
8 have the following design: * * * The width is two-thirds (2/3) of
9 its length; the field is white, with a single large five-pointed
10 star in the center; the large star is surrounded with circle of
11 nineteen (19) small five-pointed stars; all of the stars are dark
12 blue; and a vertical red bar is on the inner and outer edges of
13 the flag, with each bar being one-fifth (1/5) the length of the
14 flag. The small stars represent the first nineteen (19) states
15 admitted to the United States, and the center star represents the
16 State of Mississippi as the twentieth state to join the Union.
17 The small stars form a circle, a shape that represents wholeness,
18 unity and potential. The red bars stand opposite of one another,



19 recognizing the passionate differences that the people of our
20 state sometimes harbor. Joining all of the elements is a field of
21 white symbolizing illumination, spirituality, brightness and
22 promise.

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

