

By: Representative Johnson (94th)

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1271

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 MISSISSIPPI
3 TO THAT OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL FLAG OF MISSISSIPPI KNOWN AS THE
4 "MAGNOLIA FLAG"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 **[Until July 1, 2017, this section shall read as follows:]**

9 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall
10 have the following design: with width two-thirds (2/3) of its
11 length; with the union (canton) to be square, in width two-thirds
12 (2/3) of the width of the flag; the ground of the union to be red
13 and a broad blue saltire thereon, bordered with white and
14 emblazoned with thirteen (13) mullets or five-pointed stars,
15 corresponding with the number of the original States of the Union;
16 the field to be divided into three (3) bars of equal width, the
17 upper one blue, the center one white, and the lower one, extending
18 the whole length of the flag, red (the national colors); this



19 being the flag adopted by the Mississippi Legislature in the 1894
20 Special Session.

21 **[From and after July 1, 2017, this section shall read as**
22 **follows:]**

23 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall
24 have the following design: with width two-thirds (2/3) of its
25 length; with the union (canton) to be square, in width two-thirds
26 (2/3) of the width of the flag; the ground of the union to be old
27 glory blue, and emblazoned with one (1) large white five-pointed
28 star pointed upward; the field to be white, bordered with red on
29 the fly side and centered upon the field to be the design of a
30 large green magnolia tree in full bloom; this being the official
31 flag of the State of Mississippi before the flag adopted by the
32 Mississippi Legislature in the 1894 Special Session, which is
33 known as the "Magnolia Flag."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after its passage.

