

By: Representative Denton

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1278

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; in the center is a circle with a diameter two-thirds  
10 (2/3) of the width of the flag; the inner part of the circle is a  
11 white background and the outer part of the circle is composed of  
12 two (2) rings, an outer ring that is white and an inner ring twice  
13 the width of the outer ring that is old glory blue; in the center  
14 of the circle on the white background is a flower of the evergreen  
15 magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora) one-fourth (1/4) of the width of  
16 the flag, with six (6) white outer petals, three (3) white inner  
17 petals, a gold pistil in the center, and surrounded by six (6)  
18 green leaves; on the inner ring of the circle are twenty (20) gold



19 five-pointed stars, with all stars pointed upward; and the field  
20 of the flag is divided into three (3) horizontal bars of equal  
21 width, the upper one (1) being old glory blue, the center one (1)  
22 being white and the lower one (1) being old glory red. The stars  
23 on the inner ring of the circle symbolize that there were twenty  
24 (20) states after Mississippi was admitted to the United States.

25       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2017.

