

By: Representative Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

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; TO PROHIBIT THE PREVIOUS OFFICIAL STATE FLAG FROM  
4 BEING FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON OR IN ANY PUBLIC BUILDING OR OTHER  
5 PUBLIC PROPERTY, EXCEPT IN A HISTORICAL EXHIBIT IN A PUBLIC  
6 MUSEUM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall  
11 have the following design: \* \* \* with width two-thirds (2/3) of  
12 its length; the union (canton) to be square, bordered with white  
13 on the fly side and the bottom side, in width two-thirds (2/3) the  
14 width of the flag, the ground of the union to be old glory blue,  
15 and emblazoned with an outer circle of thirteen (13) five-pointed  
16 stars, an inner circle of six (6) five-pointed stars and a single  
17 large five-pointed star in the center; the stars in the inner and  
18 outer circle to be one-twelfth (1/12) the width of the flag, and  
19 the center star to be one-eighth (1/8) the width of the flag, with  
20 all stars to be pointed upward; the field to be divided into three



21 (3) bars of equal width, the upper one (1) old glory blue, the  
22 center one (1) white and the lower one (1) old glory red. The  
23 nineteen (19) stars surrounding the center star represent the  
24 first nineteen (19) states admitted to the United States. The  
25 center star represents the State of Mississippi and symbolizes  
26 that Mississippi was the twentieth state admitted to the United  
27 States.

28 **SECTION 2.** (1) The flag that was the official flag of the  
29 State of Mississippi immediately before July 1, 2017, as described  
30 in subsection (2) of this section, may not be flown or displayed  
31 on or in any public building or other public property, except in a  
32 historical exhibit in a public museum. The appropriate public  
33 agency or public official having jurisdiction over a public  
34 building or public property shall enforce the provisions of this  
35 section.

36 (2) The flag that was the official flag of the State of  
37 Mississippi before July 1, 2017, had the following design: with  
38 width two-thirds (2/3) of its length; with the union (canton) to  
39 be square, in width two-thirds (2/3) of the width of the flag; the  
40 ground of the union to be red and a broad blue saltire thereon,  
41 bordered with white and emblazoned with thirteen (13) mullets or  
42 five-pointed stars, corresponding with the number of the original  
43 States of the Union; the field to be divided into three (3) bars  
44 of equal width, the upper one (1) blue, the center one (1) white,



45 and the lower one (1), extending the whole length of the flag, red  
46 (the national colors).

47           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
48 and after July 1, 2017.

