

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th), Blount

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2081

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 prior to 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.

