

By: Representative Karriem

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF THE CURRENT STATE FLAG AT OR ON ANY
 3 BUILDING OR OTHER PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE STATE OF
 4 MISSISSIPPI UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE CHANGES THE DESIGN OF THE
 5 OFFICIAL STATE FLAG TO A DESIGN THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
 6 CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 3-3-16,
 7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THE DESIGN OF THE
 8 OFFICIAL STATE FLAG, FOR THE PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; AND FOR
 9 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 3-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 12 amended as follows:

13 3-3-15. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)
 14 of this section, the state flag may be displayed from all public
 15 buildings from sunrise to sunset; however, the state flag may be
 16 displayed from all public buildings twenty-four (24) hours a day
 17 if properly illuminated. The state flag should not be displayed
 18 when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is
 19 displayed. The state flag shall receive all of the respect and
 20 ceremonious etiquette given the American flag. Provided, however,



21 nothing in this section shall be construed so as to affect the
22 precedence given to the flag of the United States of America.

23 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
24 section, the official state flag having the design described in
25 Section 3-3-16 as of July 1, 2018, shall not be flown or displayed
26 at or on any building, facility, structure or other property owned
27 or leased by the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or
28 institution of the state until the Legislature changes the design
29 of the official state flag to a design that does not include the
30 Confederate Battle Flag, at which time the new state flag may be
31 displayed as provided in subsection (1).

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 3-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
33 brought forward as follows:

34 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall
35 have the following design: with width two-thirds (2/3) of its
36 length; with the union (canton) to be square, in width two-thirds
37 (2/3) of the width of the flag; the ground of the union to be red
38 and a broad blue saltire thereon, bordered with white and
39 emblazoned with thirteen (13) mullets or five-pointed stars,
40 corresponding with the number of the original States of the Union;
41 the field to be divided into three (3) bars of equal width, the
42 upper one blue, the center one white, and the lower one, extending
43 the whole length of the flag, red (the national colors); this
44 being the flag adopted by the Mississippi Legislature in the 1894
45 Special Session.



46 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2018.

