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To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 3-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF
3 MISSISSIPPI SHALL BE THE DESIGN RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION TO
4 REDESIGN THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG AND APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE IN
5 THE STATEWIDE ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020; TO PROVIDE A
6 DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIGN OF THE STATE FLAG AND A STATEMENT OF
7 WHAT THE ARTWORK AND COLORS OF THE DESIGN REPRESENT; AND FOR
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
11 3-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972:

12 3-3-16. (1) The official flag of the State of Mississippi
13 is the design recommended by the Commission to Redesign the
14 Mississippi State Flag that was established by Chapter 427, Laws
15 of 2020, and approved by the people of the State of Mississippi in
16 the statewide election held on November 3, 2020, which is
17 described as follows:

18 The vertical height is seventy-two (72) units and the
19 horizontal length is one hundred twenty (120) units (dimensions
20 3:5, but variable), with two (2) vertical bars at the hoist and
21 the fly, the outer bars being twenty-five (25) units wide in Old



22 Glory Red (Pantone red 200) and the inner bars being five (5)
23 units wide in Old Gold (Pantone gold 7563). The vertical bars
24 flank a central panel sixty (60) units wide in Old Glory Blue
25 (Pantone blue 282), and in the center of the panel is the artwork
26 that is two-thirds (2/3) the height of the flag or forty-eight
27 (48) units. The artwork is comprised of the stylized white
28 magnolia blossom with a stamen in Old Gold that was adopted by the
29 commission, surrounded by an array of twenty (20) white five-point
30 stars in a circle, with ten (10) of the stars flanking the
31 magnolia at the hoist side and ten (10) of the stars flanking the
32 magnolia at the fly side. At the top of the circle is a
33 five-point segmented star in Old Gold, and at the bottom of and
34 joined into the circle is the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" in all
35 capital letters and in Americana font.

36 (2) The Magnolia is the state flower of Mississippi and is a
37 symbol that has long represented our state and the hospitality of
38 our citizens, and also represents our state's sense of hope and
39 rebirth as the Magnolia often blooms more than once and has a long
40 blooming season. The circle of twenty (20) stars represents
41 Mississippi as the twentieth state of the United States of America
42 and the circle is anchored at the top by the gold five-point star,
43 which represents our first peoples, the indigenous Native American
44 tribes of the land that would become Mississippi, and also
45 represents Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia/Oceania and
46 Europe, which are the five (5) inhabited areas of the world from



47 which all Mississippians originate. The color blue in the center
48 panel echoes the blue of the American flag, representing
49 vigilance, justice and perseverance, and the red bars represent
50 the hardiness and valor of our citizens. The gold bars and the
51 gold stamen of the Magnolia represent the rich cultural history of
52 Mississippi, specifically the visual arts, literature, music and
53 performing arts that have originated in our state.

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

