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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



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

(2) The Magnolia is the state flower of Mississippi and is a symbol that has long represented our state and the hospitality of our citizens, and also represents our state's sense of hope and rebirth as the Magnolia often blooms more than once and has a long blooming season. The circle of twenty (20) stars represents Mississippi as the twentieth state of the United States of America and the circle is anchored at the top by the gold five-point star, which represents our first peoples, the indigenous Native American tribes of the land that would become Mississippi, and also represents Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia/Oceania and 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.

