

By: Representative Sykes

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 561

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; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 3-3-16. The official flag of the State of Mississippi shall
8 have the following design: * * * On a field ten (10) units high
9 by fifteen (15) units wide, vertical bars at the hoist and fly, in
10 Old Glory Red (Pantone red 193C), three (3) units wide, flank a
11 central panel in white. Centered in the panel, a large
12 five-pointed star in Old Glory Blue (Pantone blue 282C), inscribed
13 within an imaginary circle four and seventy-five hundredths (4.75)
14 units in diameter, is surrounded by nineteen (19) small
15 five-pointed stars in Old Glory Blue (Pantone blue 282C), each
16 with a diameter of seven-tenths (0.7) unit and oriented
17 point-upwards, equally spaced with their centers on an imaginary



18 circle six and nine-tenths (6.9) units in diameter and one (1)
19 star at the top of the circle.

20 The small stars represent the first nineteen (19) states
21 admitted to the United States, and the center star represents the
22 State of Mississippi as the twentieth state to join the Union.
23 The small stars form a circle, a shape that represents wholeness,
24 unity and potential. The red bars stand opposite of one another,
25 recognizing the passionate differences that the people of our
26 state sometimes harbor. Joining all of the elements is a field of
27 white symbolizing illumination, spirituality, brightness and
28 promise.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2019.

