

House Bill 16

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54th, Smyre of the 136th, Ashe of the 46th, Epps of the 131st
and Taylor of the 134th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the state flag and other flags, so as to change the design and description of the
3 state flag; to designate the "Georgia Memorial Flag"; to provide an effective date; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 state flag and other flags, is amended by striking Code Section 50-3-1, relating to the
10 description of the state flag, and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 50-3-1 to read
11 as follows:

12 "50-3-1

13 (a) The flag of the State of Georgia shall be a vertical band of blue occupying one-third
14 of the entire flag nearest to the flagstaff. The remainder of the space shall be a square,
15 ~~two-thirds the length of the flag, having a red background with a broad saltire of blue~~
16 ~~bordered with white on which 13 white mullets or five-pointed stars, corresponding in~~
17 ~~number to that of the Confederate States of America as recognized by the Confederate~~
18 ~~States Congress, are emblazoned; so that such remainder shall be the same as the union of~~
19 ~~the flag of the Confederate States as approved and cited in Statutes at Large of the~~
20 ~~Confederate States Congress, 1st and 2nd Sessions, 1862-63, 1863-64, and approved May~~
21 ~~1, 1863, such remainder being popularly known as the Battle Flag of the Confederacy~~ be
22 equally divided into three horizontal bands, the upper and lower of which shall be scarlet
23 in color and the middle of which shall be white in color. On the blue field shall be
24 stamped, painted, or embroidered the coat of arms of the state. Every force of the
25 organized militia shall carry this flag when on parade or review.

1 (b) The flag of the State of Georgia adopted in 1956 shall be designated the 'Georgia
2 Memorial Flag' and shall, upon its retirement as the official flag of the state in a ceremony
3 to be held for that purpose in the capitol on Confederate Memorial Day, 2001, be preserved
4 with honor and respect in the state archives and in state museums."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
7 without such approval.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.