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Senators Price of the 56th, Johnson of the 1st, Perdue of the 18th, Guhl of the 45th, Cagle of the 49th and others offered the following amendment:

1 Amend House Bill 16 by striking lines 2 and 3 of page 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the
2 following:

3 "Annotated, relating to the state flag, so as to create the 'Georgia Commission on Flag
4 Unity'; to provide for purpose, membership, and procedures; to provide for automatic
5 repeal; to provide for the preservation and protection of certain"

6 By striking lines 19 through 26 of page 1 and lines 1 through 31 of page 2 and inserting in
7 lieu thereof the following:

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

20 (2)(A) There is created the Georgia Commission on Flag Unity.

21 (B) The purpose of the commission shall be to determine an appropriate
22 recommendation to present to the General Assembly of a new, unifying, and unique
23 state flag.

24 (C) The commission shall consist of 39 members as follows: one member appointed
25 by each of the Georgia United States Congressional District chairs of any political
26 party whose candidate for Congress in the 2000 general election received greater
27 than 40,000 votes; ten members appointed by the Governor to include persons from
28 groups with varying perspectives on this issue; four members appointed by the
29 President of the Senate, to include persons from groups with varying perspectives on
30 this issue; and four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, to include persons from groups with varying perspectives on this
2 issue.

3 (D) The commission shall be charged with coming to a consensus on the most
4 appropriate design for the State Flag of Georgia which shall be decided by at least a
5 three-fourths' majority vote of the members of the commission.

6 (E) The commission shall report back to the General Assembly not later than
7 August 1, 2001.

8 (F) The general Assembly shall take action on this issue not later than the last day
9 of the 2002 regular session of the General Assembly.

10 (G) This Code section shall be automatically repealed on April 1, 2002."