

House Bill 773

By: Representatives Franklin of the 17th, Campbell of the 39th, DeLoach of the 127th, Dean of the 49th, Drenner of the 57th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 description of the state flag, so as to change the description of the state flag; to provide for
3 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the description
7 of the state flag, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in its place a new
8 subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 ~~"(a) The flag of the State of Georgia shall be a blue field, centered upon which shall be~~
10 ~~placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the state described at subsection (c)~~
11 ~~of Code Section 50-3-30, centered in a circle of 13 equally spaced white mullets or~~
12 ~~five-pointed stars, and beneath the same shall be an escroll or ribbon, gold, two-thirds of~~
13 ~~the length of the field, bearing the words 'Georgia's History' and charged below said words~~
14 ~~with a representation of five flags horizontally presented as follows: the first, to the left,~~
15 ~~being that version of the flag of the United States of America consisting of a field of 13 red~~
16 ~~and white stripes and, centered in a canton of blue, a circle of 13 equally spaced white~~
17 ~~mullets or five-pointed stars, as adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and~~
18 ~~commonly known as the 'Stars and Stripes' or the '1777 Flag'; to the right thereof a flag~~
19 ~~consisting of a field of blue, centered upon which shall be placed a representation of the~~
20 ~~coat of arms of the state as the same appeared on the great seal of the state adopted in 1799,~~
21 ~~and which flag is commonly known as the 'Pre-1879 Georgia State Flag'; to the right~~
22 ~~thereof a flag consisting of a vertical band of blue occupying the leftmost one-third of the~~
23 ~~entire flag, on which shall be placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the~~
24 ~~state approved in 1914 which contained the coat of arms of the state, and the remainder of~~
25 ~~which flag shall consist of a scarlet field horizontally bisected by a white band such that~~
26 ~~said band shall be equal in width to the remainder of the scarlet field both above and below,~~

1 ~~which flag is commonly known as the 'Pre-1956 Georgia State Flag'; to the right thereof~~
2 ~~the flag of the State of Georgia as approved at Ga. L. 1956, p. 38, Section 1; and to the~~
3 ~~right thereof that version of the flag of the United States of America consisting of a field~~
4 ~~of 13 red and white stripes and a canton of blue bearing 50 white mullets or five-pointed~~
5 ~~stars, such that such flag shall represent the flag of the United States of America as the~~
6 ~~same appeared on July 4, 1960. And under the horizontal representation of the five flags,~~
7 ~~the phrase 'In God We Trust' shall be written in the blue section and in the same gold color~~
8 ~~as the state seal. Every force of the organized militia shall carry this flag when on parade~~
9 ~~or review.~~

10 (a) The flag of the State of Georgia shall be three horizontal bands. The bottom horizontal
11 band shall be red and shall occupy one-third of the entire flag. The center horizontal band
12 shall be white and shall occupy two-thirds of the length of the flag and shall bear the words
13 'IN GOD WE TRUST' which words shall be the same blue color as the square field of blue.
14 The top horizontal band shall be red and shall occupy two-thirds of the length of the flag.
15 The remainder of the space shall be a square, one-third of the length of the flag, nearest to
16 the flagstaff, consisting of a field of blue, centered upon which shall be placed a
17 representation of the coat of arms of the state, and which seal shall be encircled by 13 white
18 five-pointed stars. Every force of the organized militia shall carry this flag when on parade
19 or review."

20 SECTION 2.

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