

House Bill 898

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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 create the Georgia State Flag Design  
3 Commission; to provide for membership and the appointment of members; to provide for  
4 duties; to provide that such commission shall propose to the General Assembly two designs  
5 for a new state flag; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
10 state flag and other flags, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

11 "50-3-12.

12 (a) There is created the Georgia State Flag Design Commission to be composed of 12  
13 members. The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives shall each appoint four members. One member appointed by each such  
15 officer shall represent the business community and one shall be a student in a Georgia high  
16 school, college, or university. The appointing officers shall ensure a racial, geographical,  
17 and age balance among the membership and shall endeavor to appoint members with  
18 differing views of the propriety of using the Confederate battle flag as a symbol of this  
19 state.

20 (b) The commission shall solicit opinions and design options from the citizens of this state,  
21 making every effort to include citizens from all parts of the state, and not later than  
22 December 31, 2003, shall present to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the  
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives two alternative designs for a state flag. Such  
24 designs may be accompanied by an explanation of the symbolism expressed in each design.

25 (c) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may  
26 deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,

1 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section. The  
2 members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b)  
3 of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as well as the mileage  
4 or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. All other funds necessary to  
5 carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House  
6 of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by this  
7 resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than 20 days  
8 unless additional days are authorized. The commission shall stand abolished on December  
9 1, 2003."

10 **SECTION 2.**

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