

**LOST**

1 Senator Thompson of the 33rd offered the following amendment:

2 Amend HB 380 by adding immediately before the period at the end of the ballot language  
3 between lines 6 and 7 of page 3 the following:

4 "and the 2001 state flag".

5 By redesignating Section 2-3 as Section 2-4 and inserting a new Section 2-3 to read as  
6 follows:

7 **"SECTION 2-3.**

8 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
9 in Code Section 50-3-1, relating to the state flag and public monuments, by striking  
10 subsection (a) and inserting in its place a new subsection to read as follows:

11 '(a) The flag of the State of Georgia shall be ~~three horizontal bands. The bottom horizontal~~  
12 ~~band shall be red and shall occupy one-third of the entire flag. The center horizontal band~~  
13 ~~shall be white and shall occupy two-thirds of the length of the flag and shall bear the words~~  
14 ~~'IN GOD WE TRUST' which words shall be the same blue color as the square field of blue.~~  
15 ~~The top horizontal band shall be red and shall occupy two-thirds of the length of the flag.~~  
16 ~~The remainder of the space shall be a square, one-third of the length of the flag, nearest to~~  
17 ~~the flagstaff, consisting of a field of blue, centered upon which shall be placed a~~  
18 ~~representation of the great seal containing the coat of arms of the state, and such seal shall~~  
19 ~~be encircled by 13 white five-pointed stars.~~ be a blue field, centered upon which shall be  
20 placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the state described at subsection (c)  
21 of Code Section 50-3-30, centered in a circle of 13 equally spaced white mullets or  
22 five-pointed stars, and beneath the same shall be an escroll or ribbon, gold, two-thirds of  
23 the length of the field, bearing the words "Georgia's History" and charged below said  
24 words with a representation of five flags horizontally presented as follows: the first, to the  
25 left, being that version of the flag of the United States of America consisting of a field of  
26 13 red and white stripes and, centered in a canton of blue, a circle of 13 equally spaced  
27 white mullets or five-pointed stars, as adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and  
28 commonly known as the "Stars and Stripes" or the "1777 Flag"; to the right thereof a flag  
29 consisting of a field of blue, centered upon which shall be placed a representation of the  
30 coat of arms of the state as the same appeared on the great seal of the state adopted in 1799,  
31 and which flag is commonly known as the "Pre-1879 Georgia State Flag"; to the right  
32 thereof a flag consisting of a vertical band of blue occupying the leftmost one-third of the  
33 entire flag, on which shall be placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the

1 state approved in 1914 which contained the coat of arms of the state, and the remainder of  
 2 which flag shall consist of a scarlet field horizontally bisected by a white band such that  
 3 said band shall be equal in width to the remainder of the scarlet field both above and below,  
 4 which flag is commonly known as the "Pre-1956 Georgia State Flag"; to the right thereof  
 5 the flag of the State of Georgia as approved at Ga. L. 1956, p. 38, Section 1; and to the  
 6 right thereof that version of the flag of the United States of America consisting of a field  
 7 of 13 red and white stripes and a canton of blue bearing 50 white mullets or five-pointed  
 8 stars, such that such flag shall represent the flag of the United States of America as the  
 9 same appeared on July 4, 1960. And under the horizontal representation of the five flags,  
 10 the phrase "In God We Trust" shall be written in the blue section and in the same gold color  
 11 as the state seal. Every force of the organized militia shall carry this flag when on parade  
 12 or review."

13 By adding after the designation "2-2" on line 4 of page 5 the words and designation "or  
 14 Section 2-3".

15 By striking all matter on lines 8 through 21 of page 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the  
 16 following:

17 "(b) The ballot at the referendum election provided under this part shall have displayed or  
 18 printed thereon the following:

19 '( ) PRE-1956 FLAG VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CHOICE: shall the flag of Georgia  
 20 ( ) POST-1956 FLAG be changed to the design commonly referred to as the  
 21 ( ) 2001 FLAG pre-1956 flag or to the design commonly referred to as the  
 post-1956 flag or to the flag adopted at the 2001 session of  
 the General Assembly?'

22 The Secretary of State shall include pictures of the flags in appropriate positions on the ballot  
 23 to assist the voters and facilitate the voting process.

24 (c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to tabulate and certify the results of the  
 25 referendum election and report said results to the Governor and the General Assembly  
 26 immediately following such certification.

27 (d) If a plurality of the votes cast are in favor of the pre-1956 flag, then Section 2-1 of this  
 28 Act shall become effective on May 1, 2005, and Sections 2-2 and 2-3 of this Act shall be of  
 29 no force or effect. If a plurality of the votes cast are in favor of the post-1956 flag, then  
 30 Section 2-2 of this Act shall become effective on May 1, 2005, and Sections 2-1 and 2-3 of  
 31 this Act shall be of no force or effect. If a plurality of the votes cast are in favor of the 2001  
 32 flag, then Section 2-3 of this Act shall become effective on May 1, 2005, and Sections 2-1  
 33 and 2-2 of this Act shall be of no force or effect."