

WITHDRAWN

1 Senators Zamarripa of the 36th, Brown of the 26th, Henson of the 41st, Adelman of the 42nd
2 and Stokes of the 43rd offered the following amendment:

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4 Amend HB 380 by striking line 1 of page 1 through line 14 of page 6 and inserting in lieu
5 thereof the following:

6 "To amend Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
7 description of the state flag, the militia carrying the flag, defacing public monuments, and
8 obstruction of Stone Mountain, so as to create the 'Georgia Commission on Flag Unity'; to
9 provide for purpose, membership, and procedures; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal
10 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

SECTION 1.

12 Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the description
13 of the state flag, the militia carrying the flag, defacing public monuments, and obstruction
14 of Stone Mountain, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the
15 following:
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17 '(a)(1) The flag of the State of Georgia shall be a blue field, centered upon which shall be
18 placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the state described at subsection (c)
19 of Code Section 50-3-30, centered in a circle of 13 equally spaced white mullets or
20 five-pointed stars, and beneath the same shall be an escroll or ribbon, gold, two-thirds of
21 the length of the field, bearing the words "Georgia's History" and charged below said
22 words with a representation of five flags horizontally presented as follows: the first, to the
23 left, being that version of the flag of the United States of America consisting of a field of
24 13 red and white stripes and, centered in a canton of blue, a circle of 13 equally spaced
25 white mullets or five-pointed stars, as adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and
26 commonly known as the "Stars and Stripes" or the "1777 Flag"; to the right thereof a flag
27 consisting of a field of blue, centered upon which shall be placed a representation of the
28 coat of arms of the state as the same appeared on the great seal of the state adopted in 1799,
29 and which flag is commonly known as the "Pre-1879 Georgia State Flag"; to the right
30 thereof a flag consisting of a vertical band of blue occupying the leftmost one-third of the
31 entire flag, on which shall be placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the
32 state approved in 1914 which contained the coat of arms of the state, and the remainder of
33 which flag shall consist of a scarlet field horizontally bisected by a white band such that

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

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

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

15 (C) The commission shall be composed as follows: one member appointed by each of
16 the Georgia United States Congressional District chairs of any political party whose
17 candidate for Congress in the 2000 general election received greater than 40,000 votes;
18 ten members appointed by the Governor to include persons from groups with varying
19 perspectives on this issue; four members appointed by the President of the Senate, to
20 include persons from groups with varying perspectives on this issue; and four members
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to include persons from
22 groups with varying perspectives on this issue.

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

26 (E) The commission shall report back to the General Assembly not later than August
27 1, 2003.

28 (F) The General Assembly shall take action on this issue not later than the last day of
29 the 2004 regular session of the General Assembly.

30 (G) This subsection shall be automatically repealed on January 1, 2004.'

31 **SECTION 2.**

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