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1 Senators Reed of the 35th, Tanksley of the 32nd, Thomas of the 10th, Brown of the 26th,
2 Thomas of the 2nd and others offered the following amendment:

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

5 "To amend Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
6 description of the state flag, so as to change the description of the state flag; to provide for
7 a referendum to determine the wishes of the qualified electors with respect to the flag
8 adopted; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

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

14 '(a) ~~The flag of the State of Georgia shall be a blue field, centered upon which shall be~~
15 ~~placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the state described at subsection (c)~~
16 ~~of Code Section 50-3-30, centered in a circle of 13 equally spaced white mullets or~~
17 ~~five-pointed stars, and beneath the same shall be an escroll or ribbon, gold, two-thirds of~~
18 ~~the length of the field, bearing the words "Georgia's History" and charged below said~~
19 ~~words with a representation of five flags horizontally presented as follows: the first, to the~~
20 ~~left, being that version of the flag of the United States of America consisting of a field of~~
21 ~~13 red and white stripes and, centered in a canton of blue, a circle of 13 equally spaced~~
22 ~~white mullets or five-pointed stars, as adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and~~
23 ~~commonly known as the "Stars and Stripes" or the "1777 Flag", to the right thereof a flag~~
24 ~~consisting of a field of blue, centered upon which shall be placed a representation of the~~
25 ~~coat of arms of the state as the same appeared on the great seal of the state adopted in 1799,~~
26 ~~and which flag is commonly known as the "Pre-1879 Georgia State Flag", to the right~~
27 ~~thereof a flag consisting of a vertical band of blue occupying the leftmost one-third of the~~
28 ~~entire flag, on which shall be placed a representation of that side of the great seal of the~~
29 ~~state approved in 1914 which contained the coat of arms of the state, and the remainder of~~
30 ~~which flag shall consist of a scarlet field horizontally bisected by a white band such that~~
31 ~~said band shall be equal in width to the remainder of the scarlet field both above and below,~~
32 ~~which flag is commonly known as the "Pre-1956 Georgia State Flag", to the right thereof~~

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

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

19 SECTION 2.

20 It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue the call for an advisory referendum
21 election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire that the
22 state flag adopted by Section 1 of this Act be retained. The Secretary of State shall conduct
23 the referendum election as provided in this section on the date of the 2004 presidential
24 preference primary. The Secretary of State shall issue the call and conduct that referendum
25 as provided by general law. The Secretary of State shall cause the date and purpose of the
26 referendum to be published in the official organ of each county in the state once a week for
27 two weeks immediately preceding the date of the referendum. The ballot shall display the
28 2003 state flag, in color, and shall have written thereon the following:

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| 29 30 | '() YES () NO | Should the current state flag adopted by the General Assembly at its 2003 session which bears the national motto "In God We Trust" be retained as the state flag of the State of Georgia? |
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1 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote 'Yes,' and those persons
2 desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote 'No.' The Secretary of State shall certify
3 the results of the referendum election to the Governor and the General Assembly.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
6 without such approval.

7 **SECTION 4.**

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