

House Bill 15

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Hatfield of the 177th, Benton of the 31st, England of the 108th, Powell of the 29th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the holding of an advisory referendum election to determine whether the
2 qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire a change in the state flag; to provide for
3 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue the call for an advisory referendum
8 election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire that the
9 state flag adopted under Ga. L. 2003, p. 26, Section 1 (approved May 8, 2003) be changed.
10 The Secretary of State shall conduct the referendum election as provided in this section on
11 the date of the November, 2006, general election. The Secretary of State shall issue the call
12 and conduct that referendum election as provided by general law.

13 (b) The ballot at the referendum election provided under this section shall have displayed
14 or printed thereon the following:

15 "() 1956 FLAG **VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CHOICE:** Should the State of Georgia
16 return to the 1956 Flag adopted at the 1956 Session of the General
17 () 2003 FLAG Assembly or keep the 2003 Flag adopted at the 2003 Session of the
18 General Assembly?"

19 The Secretary of State shall include pictures of the 1956 Flag and the 2003 Flag in
20 appropriate positions on the ballot to assist the voters and facilitate the voting process, and
21 if necessary to save significant printing costs a picture of the two flags may be attached to
22 absentee ballots rather than appearing on the actual absentee ballot.

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

1 **SECTION 2.**

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

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.