

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE DEADLINES FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF REQUESTING THE DRAFTING, AND THE INTRODUCTION,
3 CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE, OF A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH
4 A COMMISSION TO REDESIGN THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG; TO PRESCRIBE
5 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS
6 ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DESIGN FOR THE
7 MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT
8 INCLUDE THE DESIGN OF THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG BUT SHALL
9 INCLUDE THE WORDS "IN GOD WE TRUST"; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
10 COMMISSION SHALL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR A DESIGN FOR THE NEW
11 MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2020; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
12 DESIGN FOR THE NEW MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG RECOMMENDED BY THE
13 COMMISSION SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE
14 HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MAJORITY OF THE
15 QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTE FOR THE NEW DESIGN, THEN THE LEGISLATURE
16 SHALL ENACT INTO LAW THE NEW DESIGN AS THE OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI
17 STATE FLAG; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
18 VOTE AGAINST THE NEW DESIGN, THEN THE COMMISSION TO REDESIGN THE
19 MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG SHALL RECONVENE TO RECOMMEND A NEW DESIGN FOR
20 THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG TO BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATURE DURING
21 THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION; TO REQUIRE THAT THE SPECIAL ELECTION BE
22 ADMINISTERED BY MEANS OF BALLOTS CONTAINING A COLOR PICTURE OR
23 DRAWING OF THE DESIGN FOR THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG; TO REQUIRE
24 THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROVIDE THOSE BALLOTS TO THE ELECTION
25 COMMISSIONERS OF EACH COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-351 AND
26 23-15-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING
27 PROVISIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 3-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
28 WHICH PROVIDES THE DESIGN FOR THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
31 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That all the



32 deadlines and other provisions imposed by Joint Rule No. 40 are
33 suspended for the purpose of requesting the drafting, and the
34 introduction, consideration and passage, of a bill entitled "AN
35 ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO REDESIGN THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
36 FLAG; TO PRESCRIBE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE
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