

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1790

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG OF  
9 ARKANSAS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DESIGN OF  
10 THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; TO RESTORE THE FLAG TO  
11 THE DESIGN ADOPTED IN 1913; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 THE DESIGN ADOPTED IN 1913.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

25 The General Assembly finds that:

26 (1) Willie K. Hocker of Wabaseka, Arkansas submitted her design  
27 for the Arkansas state flag for consideration during the legislative session  
28 of 1913;

29 (2) Willie K. Hocker's design originally had three (3) blue stars  
30 in the middle of a white diamond located in the center of the flag without  
31 with word "ARKANSAS";

32 (3) At the request of the flag committee chaired by the  
33 Secretary of State during the 1913 legislative session, Miss Willie K. Hocker  
34 added the word "ARKANSAS" in the center of the white diamond, and the three  
35 (3) blue stars were located with one (1) above, and two (2) below the word  
36 "ARKANSAS";



1           (4) On February 26, 1913, the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly  
 2 adopted the revised flag design of Willie K. Hocker; and

3           (5) The state flag of Arkansas should be restored to the revised  
 4 design of Willie K. Hocker adopted on February 26, 1913.

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 6           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 1-4-101 is amended to read as follows:

7           1-4-101. State flag.

8           (a)(1)(A) The official state flag shall be a rectangle of red on which  
 9 is placed a large white diamond, bordered by a wide band of blue on which are  
 10 twenty-five (25) white stars.

11                           (B) Across the diamond shall be the word "ARKANSAS" and  
 12 ~~four (4)~~ three (3) blue stars, with one (1) star above and ~~three (3)~~ two (2)  
 13 stars below the word "ARKANSAS".

14                           (C) The star above the word "ARKANSAS" shall be below the  
 15 upper corner of the diamond.

16                           (D) The ~~three (3)~~ two (2) stars below the word "ARKANSAS"  
 17 shall be placed ~~so that one (1) star shall be above the lower corner of the~~  
 18 ~~diamond and the two (2) stars shall be placed~~ symmetrically, parallel above  
 19 and to the right and left of the ~~star in the~~ lower corner of the diamond.

20           (2) The colors used for the official state flag shall be the  
 21 same as those used on the United States flag, specifically to include:

22                           (A) Old Glory Red or its equivalent; and

23                           (B) Old Glory Blue or its equivalent.

24           (b) The three (3) stars so placed are designed to represent the three  
 25 (3) nations, France, Spain, and the United States, which have successively  
 26 exercised dominion over Arkansas. These stars also indicate that Arkansas was  
 27 the third state carved out of the Louisiana Purchase. Of these three (3)  
 28 stars, the twin stars parallel with each other signify that Arkansas and  
 29 Michigan are twin states, having been admitted to the Union together on June  
 30 15, 1836. The twenty-five (25) white stars on the band of blue show that  
 31 Arkansas was the twenty-fifth state admitted to the Union. ~~The blue star~~  
 32 ~~above the word "ARKANSAS" is to commemorate the Confederate States of~~  
 33 ~~America.~~ The diamond signifies that this state is the only diamond-bearing  
 34 state in the Union.

35           (c) An official state flag shall be made in the United States.

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1           SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall be effective on and after  
2 June 15, 2022.

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