

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
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4  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 715

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; TO  
10 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SYMBOLS ON THE STATE  
11 FLAG OF ARKANSAS; TO REDESIGNATE THE STARS ON THE  
12 STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SYMBOLS ON  
18 THE STATE FLAG OF ARKANSAS; AND TO  
19 REDESIGNATE THE STARS ON THE STATE FLAG  
20 OF ARKANSAS.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

26 The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) Arkansas was once home to numerous thriving Native American  
28 tribes, including the Quapaw, the Osage, the Caddo, and the Tunica;

29 (2) The name "Arkansas" is derived from the Native American word  
30 "Acansa", a name that refers to the Quapaw and means "southern place";

31 (3) The forced migration of Native Americans along the Trail of  
32 Tears during the 1830s brought even more Native American tribes through  
33 Arkansas, such as the Cherokee, who established a large settlement along the  
34 Arkansas River near modern-day Russellville before being forced to move  
35 again, all the while suffering from disease, drought, and attacks from both  
36 other Native American tribes and neighboring settlers;





1           (2) Of these the three (3) stars below the word "ARKANSAS", the  
2 twin stars parallel with each other signify that Arkansas and Michigan are  
3 twin sister states, having been admitted that were offered admission to the  
4 Union together on June 15, 1836, with Arkansas becoming the twenty-fifth  
5 state admitted to the Union on June 15, 1836, and Michigan following a few  
6 months later on January 26, 1837.

7           (3) The twenty-five (25) white stars on the band of blue show  
8 that Arkansas was the twenty-fifth state admitted to the Union.

9           (4) The blue star above the word "ARKANSAS" is to commemorate  
10 the Confederate States of America represents the United States of America.

11           (5) The diamond signifies that this state is the only diamond-  
12 bearing state in the Union.

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