

Governor Winter:

Please see below. I did not include the last sentence of Mr. Kilgore's #3 recommendation b/c I think it is a technical provision for the Legislature. I also did not include Mr. Kilgore's #4 because we already describe the new design on p. 4 of the report, although we do not specify the size of the stars. I think we would need to put these technical specifications in the bill, not in the report. I think the description of p. 4 suffices for the report.

Recommendations

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 - (a) To adopt the state flag design presented by the Commission, as attached, as the official state flag;

OR

- (b) To adopt the 1894 flag as the official state flag.

If the voters adopt the state flag design presented by the Commission as the official state flag, the Legislature should:

1. Provide that the flag adopted by the Mississippi Legislature in the 1894 Special Session be an official historic flag of the State of Mississippi and be honored, protected and flown wherever historic flags are flown.
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