

INITIATIVE SUBJECT MATTER: "DESIGN FOR THE OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG SELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE."

INITIATIVE PURPOSE: We the undersigned do hereby file a "Citizens Initiative Amendment" to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by a petition of qualified electors under Section 273 of the Mississippi Constitution. **We the People of the State of Mississippi** ask Mississippi voters to support directing the Mississippi Legislature to call a statewide referendum to be held at the next statewide general election which offers four (4) specific options for the qualified electors to select an official state flag. The design receiving the most votes would be inserted into the Constitution as the official state flag and would supersede any previous state flag design adopted by the Mississippi Legislature or by the Mississippi Flag Commission. We hereby petition the Mississippi Secretary of State and the Mississippi Attorney General's Office for an official serial number to gather Mississippi voter signatures and place this Citizen Initiative on the November 2022 General Election Ballot for a vote:

"Should the Official Mississippi State Flag be chosen by the electors at the next statewide general election from the following four (4) options:

- **1894 Mississippi Flag with "in God We Trust" In the center of the lower third**
- **Bicentennial Flag with State Seal in center;**
- **"New Magnolia/In God We Trust" design recommended by Flag Commission;**
- **"Stennis Flag" with "In God We Trust" In the center**

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION: The design receiving the most votes as determined by the Secretary of State at the referendum called for that purpose shall be the official flag of the State of Mississippi and shall be added to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 as follows:

"Section 286. Official flag of the State of Mississippi.

The Official flag of the State of Mississippi shall be the design receiving the most votes at the referendum called for that purpose under this Citizens Initiative No. ____".



COST: The cost or revenue impact associated with this initiative would be the negligible cost of preparing and distributing a sample ballot containing this initiative and a sample ballot containing the flag design options and conducting the necessary election in conjunction with the general election being conducted at the same time. The revenues required to implement these elections would be provided from the State General Fund and the county general fund as are provided for any state election.



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I, Lauren E. Smith, do hereby certify that I am a legal and registered voter of Lee county Mississippi.

All information provided is correct and true.

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