

"AN ACT TO ADOPT THE DESIGN OF THE STATE FLAG AS DESCRIBED IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11 OF 1913, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4 OF 1923, AND HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11 OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1924."

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

SECTION 1. (a) The official state flag shall be a rectangle of red on which is placed a large white diamond bordered by a wide band of blue on which are twenty-five (25) white stars. Across the diamond shall be the word "ARKANSAS" and four (4) blue stars, one (1) above and three (3) below the word "ARKANSAS". The star above the word "ARKANSAS" shall be below the upper corner of the diamond. The three (3) stars below the word "ARKANSAS" shall be placed so that one (1) star shall be above the lower corner of the diamond, and two (2) stars shall be placed symmetrically, parallel above and to the right and left of the star in the lower corner of the diamond.

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

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