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By: Representative House

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE FLAG; TO REMOVE THE EXPLANATION OF THE MEANING OF THE STARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE FLAG; AND TO REMOVE THE EXPLANATION OF THE MEANING OF THE STARS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-4-101 is amended to read as follows:
1-4-101. State flag.
   (a)(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.
   (B) Across the diamond shall be the word “ARKANSAS” and four (4) blue stars, with one (1) star above and three (3) stars below the word “ARKANSAS”.
   (C) The star above the word “ARKANSAS” shall be below the upper corner of the diamond.
   (D) 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.
   (2) The colors used for the official state flag shall be the same as those used on the United States flag, specifically to include:
(A) Old Glory Red or its equivalent; and
(B) Old Glory Blue or its equivalent.

(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. These stars also indicate that Arkansas was the third state carved out of the Louisiana Purchase. Of these three (3) stars, the twin stars parallel with each other signify 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.

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