

SB1818



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Doris Turner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Establishes the Illinois Flag Commission Act. Creates the Illinois Flag Commission for the purpose of developing new State flag designs and making recommendations to the General Assembly concerning whether the current State flag ought to be replaced with a redesigned State flag. Identifies the members to be appointed to the Commission. Describes the duties of the Commission. Requires the Chair of the Commission to convene the first Commission meeting by no later than September 1, 2023. Requires the Commission to report its recommendations to the General Assembly by no later than December 3, 2024. Provides for the repeal of the Act on January 1, 2026. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning the Illinois State flag.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Flag Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Illinois Flag Commission.

7 (a) The Illinois Flag Commission is hereby established.

8 (b) The purposes of the Commission are to develop new
9 State flag designs and to make recommendations to the General
10 Assembly concerning whether the current State flag ought to be
11 replaced with a redesigned State flag.

12 (c) The Commission shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's
14 designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission;

15 (2) 3 members appointed by the Governor;

16 (3) 4 members appointed by the President of the
17 Senate, not more than one of whom may be a current member
18 of the General Assembly;

19 (4) 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, not more than one of whom may be a
21 current member of the General Assembly;

22 (5) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
23 Senate, not more than one of whom may be a current member

1 of the General Assembly;

2 (6) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
3 House of Representatives, not more than one of whom may be
4 a current member of the General Assembly;

5 (7) the State Superintendent of Education or the
6 Superintendent's designee; and

7 (8) the Chairperson of the Board of the Illinois State
8 Museum or the Chairperson's designee.

9 (d) In furtherance of its purposes under this Act, the
10 Commission shall:

11 (1) establish and adopt goals and guiding principles
12 for the redesign of the State flag;

13 (2) establish a process for the submission of proposed
14 designs for a new or revised State flag and guidelines for
15 the assessment of those proposed designs;

16 (3) create a publicly accessible website that
17 provides:

18 (A) historical information about the State flag;

19 (B) a timeline and explanation of the process to
20 be used to redesign the State flag;

21 (C) an online suggestion box through which
22 residents can offer design ideas for the State flag;
23 and

24 (D) a survey function through which residents can
25 vote on potential State flag designs;

26 (4) engage in a public awareness campaign with the

1 design community and advocacy groups, as well as Illinois
2 schools, universities, and public libraries, concerning
3 the Commission's efforts to redesign the State flag;

4 (5) select, on or before September 1, 2024, a group of
5 no more than 10 proposed flag designs that:

6 (A) represent the State; and

7 (B) adhere to the guiding principles established
8 by the Commission under subparagraph (1);

9 (6) develop a review and selection process for
10 proposed flag designs that incorporates the input of
11 children and young people in the State;

12 (7) on or before December 3, 2024, submit to the
13 General Assembly a written report that describes:

14 (A) the proposed flag designs submitted to the
15 Commission;

16 (B) the process used by the Commission to review
17 the proposed flag designs submitted to it;

18 (C) the group of no more than 10 proposed flag
19 designs selected by the Commission;

20 (D) the Commission's recommendation for a revised
21 or new State flag; and

22 (E) the Commission's recommendations to the
23 General Assembly concerning whether the current State
24 flag ought to be retained or replaced with a revised or
25 new State flag.

26 (e) The appointing authorities shall make appointments to

1 the Commission as soon as practicable after the effective date
2 of this Act, and the Chair of the Commission shall convene the
3 first meeting of the Commission by no later than September 1,
4 2023. Subsequent meetings of the Commission shall convene at
5 the call of the Chair of the Commission. A majority of all the
6 appointed members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum
7 for the transaction of business, and all recommendations of
8 the Commission shall require approval of a majority of the
9 members of the Commission. Meetings of the Commission are
10 subject to the Open Meetings Act.

11 (f) Members of the Commission shall serve without
12 compensation but may be provided, from moneys appropriated to
13 the Secretary of State for implementation of this Section, a
14 per diem established by the Secretary of State to cover
15 reasonable meal, travel, and lodging expenses incurred by
16 Commission members as a result of their duties under this
17 Section.

18 (g) The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide
19 administrative support to the Commission.

20 Section 10. Repealer. This Act is repealed on January 1,
21 2026.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.