

1 HB43
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3 By Representative Hall
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would alter the official coat of arms of the State of Alabama.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the state coat of arms; to amend Sections 1-2-1 and 1-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to alter the official coat of arms of the State of Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 1-2-1 and 1-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§1-2-1.

"Alabama shall have an official coat of arms which shall be as follows: a shield upon which is carried the flags of four ~~of the five nations which~~ sovereigns that have at various times held ~~sovereignty~~ dominion over a part or the whole of what is now the State of Alabama: Spain, France, Great Britain and ~~the Confederacy~~ Alabama itself. The union

1 binding these flags shall be the shield of the United States.
2 The shield upon which the flags and shield of the United
3 States are placed shall be supported on either side by an
4 eagle. The crest of the coat of arms shall be a ship
5 representing the "Badine" which brought the French ~~colonists~~
6 explorers who established the first permanent ~~white~~
7 ~~settlements~~ European colony in the state. Beneath the shield
8 there shall be a scroll containing the sentence in Latin:
9 "Audemus jura nostra defendere," the English interpretation of
10 which is "We Dare Maintain Our Rights." The word "Alabama"
11 shall appear beneath the state motto.

12 §1-2-2.

13 "The coat of arms of Alabama as described in
14 heraldic terms shall be as follows: arms: quarterly, the first
15 azure three fleur de lis or (for France); second quarterly
16 first and fourth gules a tower tripple towered or, second and
17 third argent a lion rampant gules (for Spain); third azure a
18 saltire argent and gules over all a cross of the last
19 fimbriated of the second (for Great Britain); fourth ~~gules of~~
20 ~~a saltire azure, fimbriated argent 13 mullets of the last (for~~
21 ~~the Confederacy)~~ pure argent a crimson saltire imposed (for
22 Alabama); at center in escutcheon chief azure paly argent and
23 gules 13 (for United States) arms supported by two American
24 eagles displayed. Crest: A full rigged ship proper."

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective on
26 October 1, 2021, following its passage and approval by the
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

