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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

H.B. 552*

125th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State Government)

Reps. Householder, Redfern, Walcher, Flowers, Husted, Miller, Reidelbach, Allen, Cates, C. Evans, J. Stewart, Calvert, DeBose, Olman, McGregor, Faber, Daniels, Aslanides, DeWine, Carano, Hoops, Distel, Perry, Hartnett, Fessler, Carmichael, Raga, Schaffer, Reinhard, Hollister, Wolpert, T. Patton, Schlichter, Kearns, Wagner, Setzer, Hagan, Brown, Schmidt, Gibbs, Blasdel, Schneider, Webster, Latta, Combs, Seitz, Collier, Widener, Harwood, S. Smith, G. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes a recommended procedure for folding the state flag.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill establishes a recommended procedure for two people to fold the state flag.¹ This procedure is as follows (sec. 5.014):

- With the flag unfolded, fold the flag in half lengthwise so that the points of the flag are aligned.
- Fold the flag in half lengthwise a second time to form a long strip with the red disc facing the ground.
- Next, fold the pointed end back onto itself to form a rectangle.

* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

¹ *Current law requires that the state flag be pennant shaped with three red and two white horizontal stripes. The union of the flag must be 17 five-pointed stars, white in a blue triangular field, the base of which must be the staff end or vertical edge of the flag and the apex of which must be the center of the middle red stripe. The stars must be grouped around a red disc superimposed upon a white circular "O." (R.C. 5.01--not in the bill.)*

- Starting on the end formed by the fold of the pointed end back onto itself, fold two inches of the flag onto itself for a flag with a three-foot hoist and a five-foot fly, or another appropriate width of fold for a flag of a different size.
- Repeat the folds for a total of fourteen times, alternating the folds in a fan-like manner. The result is a total of 17 folds, symbolizing that Ohio was the 17th state admitted to the Union.
- Neatly and snugly wrap the remaining length of flag around the fan-folds to form a compact rectangle.

HISTORY

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