

1 H.708
2 Introduced by Representative Kimbell of Woodstock
3 Referred to Committee on
4 Date:
5 Subject: General provisions; flag, insignia, seal, etc.; State Flag; task force
6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a task
7 force to recommend a new State Flag.

8 An act relating to the creation of the State Flag Task Force
9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
10 Sec. 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE
11 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that:
12 (1) The State Flag has evolved in design over the centuries since its
13 enactment into legislation in 1803. Codified at 1 V.S.A. § 495 as “blue with
14 the Coat of Arms of the State thereon,” the General Assembly approved
15 Vermont’s current design more than a century ago, in 1923.

16 (2) The Coat of Arms still retains its original design, enacted into
17 legislation in 1862 and codified at 1 V.S.A. § 491(1): “Green, a landscape
18 occupying half of the shield; on the right and left, in the background, high
19 mountains, blue; the sky, yellow. From near the base and reaching nearly to
20 the top of the shield, arises a pine tree of the natural color and between three

1 erect sheaves, yellow, placed diagonally on the right side and a red cow
2 standing on the left side of the field.”

3 (b) Purpose. The purpose of this act is to facilitate, through the work of a
4 task force and public input, the creation of a new State Flag that is distinctive
5 and reflects the shared vision of Vermont’s current and future identity.

6 Sec. 2. STATE FLAG; TASK FORCE; REPORT

7 (a) Creation. There is created the State Flag Task Force to recommend a
8 new State Flag.

9 (b) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following
10 members:

11 (1) the Secretary of State or designee;
12 (2) the State Archivist or designee;
13 (3) the State Curator or designee;
14 (4) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
15 (5) the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee;
16 (6) the Executive Director of Racial Equity or designee;
17 (7) the Chair of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs
18 or designee;
19 (8) the Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society or
20 designee;

1 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Task Force who
2 are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be
3 entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
4 § 1010 for not more than eight meetings.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.