

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3510  
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State Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Texas Flag is an important symbol of our great state. It is recognized around the world for its bold colors and unique Lone Star. When the state flag is on display, it should be folded in a way that highlights the proud heritage of the people of Texas.

H.B. 3510 provides the proper way to fold a Texas Flag for display so that uniformity is achieved and damage is prevented. The bill provides that a properly folded flag makes visible a portion of the white Lone Star, so that it can always be recognized as the Texas Flag.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3510 amends the Government Code to specify that the Texas flag should be folded as follows: fold the flag in half lengthwise with the red stripe facing upward; fold the flag in half lengthwise once more, concealing the red stripe on the inside of the fold; position the flag with the white star facing downward and the blue stripe facing upward; fold the corner with the white stripe to the opposite side of the flag to form a triangle; continue folding the corners over in triangles until the resulting fold produces a blue triangle with a portion of the white star visible; and secure all edges into the folds.

H.B. 3510 specifies that a folded Texas flag should be presented or displayed with all folded edges secured and with the blue stripe and a portion of the white star visible. The bill specifies that a folded Texas flag should be stored or displayed in a manner that prevents tearing or soiling of the flag.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.