

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1145
By: Zaffirini
State Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current Texas statute does not contain any language requiring the use of a specific method for folding the state flag.

S.B. 1145 provides specific instructions for folding 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

S.B. 1145 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.

S.B. 1145 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.