

Chapter 1218

AN ACT

relating to protocol for folding the state flag.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Rod Welsh Act, in honor of Rod Welsh, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Texas House of Representatives, who is primarily responsible for developing the method of folding the state flag of Texas established by this Act.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 3100, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 3100.073 to read as follows:

Sec. 3100.073. FOLDED STATE FLAG. (a) The state flag should be folded as follows:

(1) fold the flag in half lengthwise with the red stripe facing upward;

(2) fold the flag in half lengthwise once more, concealing the red stripe on the inside of the fold;

(3) position the flag with the white star facing downward and the blue stripe facing upward;

(4) fold the corner with the white stripe to the opposite side of the flag to form a triangle;

(5) continue folding the corners over in triangles until the resulting fold produces a blue triangle with a portion of the white star visible; and

(6) secure all edges into the folds.

(b) A folded state flag should be presented or displayed

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1 with all folded edges secured and with the blue stripe and a portion  
2 of the white star visible.

3 (c) A folded state flag should be stored or displayed in a  
4 manner that prevents tearing or soiling of the flag.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.\_\_\_\_\_

David Newkirk  
President of the Senate

Jim Strawn  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1145 passed the Senate on April 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.\_\_\_\_\_

Patsy Saw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1145 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.\_\_\_\_\_

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:  
19 JUN '09  
Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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