

Subject State emblems redesign

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Overview

This bill establishes a State Emblems Redesign Commission to design and adopt a new state seal and a new state flag for Minnesota, to be effective May 11, 2024. The current state seal and state flags would be retired on that date.

A report of the commission that adopts the new designs is due January 1, 2024.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Official seal. Updates a cross-reference to reflect the new designation of the state seal, as approved by the State Emblems Redesign Commission.
2	Official seal; May 11, 2024 and thereafter. Establishes the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota as that designed and certified by the report of the State Emblems Redesign Commission. The seal design is effective May 11, 2024 and thereafter.
3	Additional effects; size. Eliminates references in existing law governing the reproduction of the state seal that may become obsolete when a new seal is adopted, including references to how the scene contained in the current seal is depicted.
4	State's duties. Eliminates references in existing law governing the way the state seal is used that may become obsolete when a new seal is adopted. This section also provides a phase-out period for use of expendable material by state agencies that include the current seal design: these materials may be used until supply is exhausted, or until January 1, 2025, whichever occurs first.

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5	<p>Adoption.</p> <p>Establishes the state flag as that designed and certified by the report of the State Emblems Redesign Commission. The new flag is effective May 11, 2024, and thereafter.</p>
6	<p>State Emblems Redesign Commission.</p> <p>Establishes the State Emblems Redesign Commission. The purpose of the commission is to develop and adopt new designs for the official state flag and the official state seal, no later than January 1, 2024. The designs certified by the commission replace the existing designs for both the seal and flag effective May 11, 2024.</p> <p>The commission consists of 13 voting members appointed as provided in the bill, as well as two members of the house and two members of the senate, serving as nonvoting commission members.</p> <p>The bill provides standards for the types of images and symbols that may be used in creating new seal and flag designs. The commission’s report, due January 1, 2024, must include a description of the symbols and other meanings incorporated into the design.</p>
7	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals several provisions of law that establish the current state seal and state flag designs.</p>



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