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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: State Government
5 First Read: 14-Feb-24

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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would alter the official coat of arms
6 of the State of Alabama.

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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT

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13 Relating to the state coat of arms; to amend Sections
14 1-2-1 and 1-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to alter the official
15 coat of arms of the State of Alabama.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Sections 1-2-1 and 1-2-2, Code of Alabama
18 1975, are amended to read as follows:

19 "§1-2-1

20 Alabama shall have an official coat of arms which shall
21 be as follows: a shield upon which is carried the flags of
22 four ~~of the five nations which~~ sovereigns that have at various
23 times held ~~sovereignty~~ dominion over a part or the whole of
24 what is now the State of Alabama: Spain, France, Great
25 Britain, and ~~the Confederacy~~ Alabama itself. The union binding
26 these flags shall be the shield of the United States. The
27 shield upon which the flags and shield of the United States
28 are placed shall be supported on either side by an eagle. The



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crest of the coat of arms shall be a ship representing the "Badine" which brought the French ~~colonists~~ explorers who established the first permanent ~~white settlements~~ European colony in the state. Beneath the shield there shall be a scroll containing the sentence in Latin: "Audemus jura nostra defendere," the English interpretation of which is "We Dare Maintain Our Rights." The word "Alabama" shall appear beneath the state motto."

"§1-2-2

The coat of arms of Alabama as described in heraldic terms shall be as follows: arms: quarterly, the first azure three fleur de lis or (for France); second quarterly first and fourth gules a tower tripple towered or, second and third argent a lion rampant gules (for Spain); third azure a saltire argent and gules over all a cross of the last fimbriated of the second (for Great Britain); ~~fourth gules of a saltire azure, fimbriated argent 13 mullets of the last (for the Confederacy)~~ pure argent a crimson saltire imposed (for Alabama); at center in escutcheon chief azure paly argent and gules 13 (for the United States) arms supported by two American eagles displayed. Crest: A full rigged ship proper."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.