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ACTIVITY: Design a New State Flag

The sketch below (right) was included in a House of Representatives bill in 1885. Read the description of the flag that met final approval in the General Assembly (left) and compare and contrast the two flags.



CHAPTER 291.

An act to establish a State flag.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

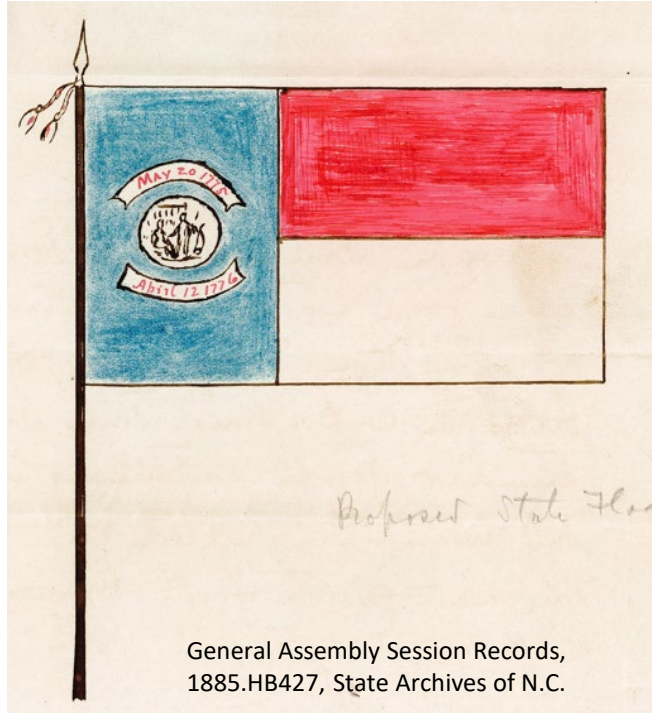
SECTION 1. That the flag of North Carolina shall consist of a blue union, containing in the centre thereof a white star with the letter N. in gilt on the left and the letter C. in gilt on the right of said star, the circle containing the same to be one-third the width of said union.

SEC. 2. That the fly of the flag shall consist of two equally proportioned bars; the upper bar to be red, the lower bar to be white; that the length of the bars horizontally shall be equal to the perpendicular length of the union, and the total length of the flag shall be one-third more than its width.

SEC. 3. That above the star in the centre of the union there shall be a gilt scroll in semi-circular form, containing in black letters this inscription: "May 20th, 1775," and that below the star there shall be a similar scroll containing in black letters the inscription: "April 12th, 1776."

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 9th day of March, A. D. 1885.



General Assembly Session Records, 1885.HB427, State Archives of N.C.

Laws and Resolutions of the State of North Carolina, Passed by the General Assembly at Its Session [1885], p. 539, State Publications collection, State Library of N.C.

How are they alike?

How are they different?

Draw your own state flag design on the back of this paper. What elements of the current state flag would you keep? What would you change?