

Nev. went 60 years without official flag

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For more than 60 years beginning in 1929, Nevada's state flag had a design that the Legislature did not adopt.

Legislative sessions sometimes exceeded the then-constitutional provision for 60 days in which the legislators would be paid. A hurried amendment to the bill changing the position of the name "Nevada" on the proposed flag was misplaced in the final hours of the session.

Apparently nobody knew of the snafu until researcher Dana Bennett of the Legislative Council Bureau, State Archivist Guy Rocha and staff at the State Library and Archives made the discovery in advance of a bill modifying the design of the flag in 1991. SB396 sponsored by Washoe County Sen. Bill Raggio for the Director of General Services Terry Sullivan and signed by Gov. Bob Miller, finally provided for an official state flag.

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