March 22, 1913

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was March 22, 1913, the day Missouri’s official state flag was adopted.

The flag was designed by Marie Oliver, whose husband was Missouri Sen. R.B. Oliver of Cape Girardeau. It was she, who — five years before — put together the committee aimed at designing a state flag.

The flag’s center includes a circle of 24 stars, representing Missouri as the 24th state. This surrounds the Missouri coat-of-arms. The red, white and blue, horizontal stripes represent valor, purity and vigilance.

On March 17, 1909, a Missouri Senate bill that supported this designed was first introduced.

March 22, 1013, the date marking the signing of a Missouri Senate bill adopting the flag of the state of Missouri, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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