

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1119

By: Representative Love

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICIAL STATE *HOLIDAYS AND MEMORIAL DAYS*; TO ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-5-101(a)(2), concerning official state holidays, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday ~~and Robert E. Lee's Birthday~~ – *the third Monday in January*;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 1-5-106, concerning state memorial days to be commemorated by gubernatorial proclamation, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(12) Robert E. Lee's Birthday – the second Friday in January.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-16-107 is amended to read as follows:



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6-16-107. Patriotic observances generally.

(a) *February 22, as the birthday of George Washington, and ~~January 19~~ as the second Friday in January, to celebrate the birthday of Robert E. Lee, and such other days as may be designated by the State Board of Education for patriotic observance shall be observed with appropriate exercises.*

(b) ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing~~ This section does not authorize the closing of any school on such days without consent of the board of directors of the school district.

/s/Love