

**STORAGE NAME:** h881.tu

**DATE:** March 7, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
TOURISM  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 881

**RELATING TO:** Secretary of State

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Prieguez

**TIED BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) TOURISM YEAS 7 NAYS 0
  - (2) GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
  - (3)
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**I. SUMMARY:**

House Bill 881 authorizes the Secretary of State to designate, via proclamation, sailing vessels of historic significance to the state as official state flagships if they meet certain criteria specified in s. 15.0465, F.S., created by this bill.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- |                                   |                              |                             |   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Chapter 15, F.S., contains numerous items that have been designated as representative of the State of Florida. At this time, however, there is no statutory designation of a sailing vessel as an official state flagship. Currently, the broad areas of designation include state tree, state beverage, state shell, state stone, state gem, official state wildflower, official state play, official state animal, official state freshwater fish, official state saltwater fish, state marine mammal and saltwater mammal, official state butterfly, official state reptile, official state air fair, official state rodeo, official festival, official state image center and archive, official litter control symbol, official state pageant, official state opera program, official state renaissance festival, official state railroad museums, official state transportation museum, official state soil, official state fiddle contest, and official state band.

The current designations in Chapter 15, F.S., are specifically named in law and are not done via proclamation of the Secretary of State.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

House Bill 881 authorizes the Secretary of State to designate, via proclamation, sailing vessels of historic significance to the state as official state flagships if they meet certain criteria specified in s. 15.0465, F.S., created by this bill. In order to be designated as such a vessel must have first been launched at least 60 years ago; must have been substantially constructed, restored, or maintained within the state; must have significantly contributed to the commercial, trade, political, or societal heritage of the state; and must be on the National Register. Additionally, the vessel must be seaworthy when designated and must have a political subdivision of the state as its hailing port.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

A section-by-section analysis is not required. Please see "Effect of Proposed Changes" section.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

The bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

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V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

See "Amendments or Committee Substitute Changes" section.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

On March 7, 2000, the Tourism Committee passed HB 881 with one technical amendment to change the catchline of the section to correct a scrivener's error and to reflect the possibility of multiple sailing vessels being designated as official state flagships which is indicated in the body of the proposed section.

VII. SIGNATURES:

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM:

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