

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the National Statuary Hall;  
3           providing for replacement of the statues of Dr. John  
4           Gorrie and General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National  
5           Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol; providing  
6           for selection of two prominent Florida citizens to be  
7           commemorated in the National Statuary Hall; providing  
8           for selection of a sculptor to design the statues;  
9           requiring the Department of State to submit a report  
10          and recommendations to the Legislature; providing for  
11          submission of the state's request to the United States  
12          Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for  
13          approval to replace the statues; providing an  
14          effective date.

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16          WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2131, each state is  
17          permitted to provide and furnish to the United States  
18          Capitol two statues, in marble or bronze, of deceased  
19          persons who have been prominent citizens of the state for  
20          placement in the National Statuary Hall, and

21          WHEREAS, currently, Florida has two statues, of Dr. John  
22          Gorrie and of General Edmund Kirby Smith, in the National  
23          Statuary Hall, and

24          WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, a state may request  
25          that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the  
26          replacement of any statue the state has provided for display in

27 | the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol, NOW,  
 28 | THEREFORE,

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30 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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32 |       Section 1. (1) At its first annual meeting following the  
 33 | effective date of this act, the ad hoc committee of the Great  
 34 | Floridians Program within the Division of Historical Resources  
 35 | of the Department of State, as established under s.  
 36 | 267.0731(1)(b), Florida Statutes, shall select, according to  
 37 | guidelines prescribed by the division, two prominent Florida  
 38 | citizens, including, but not limited to, persons of  
 39 | distinguished civil or military service, to be commemorated in  
 40 | the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. The ad  
 41 | hoc committee shall submit its recommendations to the Division  
 42 | of Historical Resources and the Division of Cultural Affairs.

43 |       (2) At its first meeting following the effective date of  
 44 | this act, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, as  
 45 | established under s. 265.285, Florida Statutes, shall select,  
 46 | according to guidelines prescribed by the Department of State, a  
 47 | sculptor to design the statues of the two prominent Florida  
 48 | citizens selected pursuant to subsection (1) for replacement of  
 49 | the statue of Dr. John Gorrie and the statue of General Edmund  
 50 | Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall. The Florida Council  
 51 | on Arts and Culture shall submit its recommendation to the  
 52 | Division of Historical Resources and the Division of Cultural

53 Affairs.

54 (3) The Department of State shall coordinate the  
55 recommendations submitted to the Division of Historical  
56 Resources and the Division of Cultural Affairs and shall submit  
57 a report by January 1, 2017, to the Governor, the President of  
58 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that  
59 includes, but is not limited to:

60 (a) The names of the two prominent Florida citizens and  
61 the process used to select the two prominent Florida citizens.

62 (b) The name of the sculptor and the process used to  
63 select the sculptor.

64 (c) An estimate of the total costs associated with  
65 replacement of the statues, including the costs to remove and  
66 transfer the current statues and to install the replacement  
67 statues.

68 (4) In accordance with 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, upon receiving  
69 the report under subsection (3), the Legislature may request by  
70 memorial that the United States Joint Committee on the Library  
71 of Congress approve the request to replace the statues of Dr.  
72 John Gorrie and General Edmund Kirby Smith and that the  
73 Architect of the Capitol carry out the request. Upon adoption of  
74 the memorial by the Legislature and approval of the request in  
75 writing by the Governor, the memorial shall be submitted to the  
76 United States Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

77 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.