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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the National Statuary Hall;
3 providing for replacement of the statue of General
4 Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall
5 Collection at the United States Capitol; providing for
6 selection of a prominent Florida citizen to be
7 commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection;
8 providing for selection of a sculptor to design the
9 statue; requiring the Florida Council on Arts and
10 Culture and the Department of State to estimate costs
11 associated with the replacement of the statue;
12 authorizing the council to raise funds to support such
13 costs; providing for the deposit of funds raised into
14 the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the department;
15 requiring the department to submit a report to the
16 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
17 specifying required content of the report; providing
18 for submission of the state's request to the United
19 States Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for
20 approval to replace the statue; providing an effective
21 date.

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23 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2131, each state is
24 permitted to provide and furnish to the United States Capitol
25 two statues, in marble or bronze, of deceased persons who have
26 been prominent citizens of the state for placement in the
27 National Statuary Hall Collection, and

28 WHEREAS, currently, Florida has two statues, of Dr. John
29 Gorrie and of General Edmund Kirby Smith, in the National

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30 Statuary Hall Collection, and

31 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, a state may request
32 that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the
33 replacement of any statue the state has provided for display in
34 the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States
35 Capitol, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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39 Section 1. (1) At its first annual meeting following the
40 effective date of this act, the ad hoc committee of the Great
41 Floridians Program within the Division of Historical Resources
42 of the Department of State, as established under s.
43 267.0731(1)(b), Florida Statutes, shall select, according to
44 guidelines prescribed by the division, three prominent Florida
45 citizens, who may include, but are not limited to, persons of
46 distinguished civil or military service, to be commemorated in
47 the National Statuary Hall Collection of the United States
48 Capitol. The ad hoc committee shall submit its recommendations
49 to the Legislature by January 1, 2017. From the ad hoc
50 committee's recommendations, the Legislature shall select one
51 prominent Florida citizen to replace the statue of General
52 Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

53 (2) At its first meeting following the effective date of
54 this act, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, as
55 established under s. 265.285, Florida Statutes, shall select a
56 sculptor, according to the guidelines prescribed by the
57 Department of State and 2 U.S.C. s. 2131, with preference given
58 to a sculptor from this state, to design a statue of the

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59 prominent Florida citizen selected pursuant to subsection (1)
60 for replacement of the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith.

61 (3) The Florida Council on Arts and Culture and the
62 Department of State shall estimate the costs associated with the
63 replacement of the statue, including the costs to design,
64 construct, transport, and place the new statue; the removal and
65 transfer of the current statue; and any unveiling ceremony for
66 the new statue. The Florida Council on Arts and Culture may
67 raise funds from private sources to fund the costs associated
68 with the replacement of the statue. Funds raised must be placed
69 in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of
70 State and may be used only for the limited purposes associated
71 with statue replacement described in this subsection.

72 (4) Based on the findings of the Florida Council on Arts
73 and Culture, the Department of State shall submit a report, by
74 January 1, 2017, to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
75 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must
76 include, but is not limited to, the following:

77 (a) The name of the sculptor and the process used to select
78 the sculptor.

79 (b) An estimate of the total costs associated with
80 replacement of the statue, including the costs to design,
81 construct, transport, and place the new statue; the removal and
82 transfer of the current statue; and any unveiling ceremony for
83 the new statue.

84 (5) In accordance with 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, upon the selection
85 of a prominent Florida citizen under subsection (1) and a
86 sculptor under subsection (2), the Legislature shall request by
87 memorial that the United States Joint Committee on the Library

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88 of Congress approve the request to replace the statue of General
89 Edmund Kirby Smith and that the Architect of the Capitol carry
90 out the request. Upon adoption of the memorial by the
91 Legislature and approval of the request in writing by the
92 Governor, the memorial shall be submitted to the United States
93 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

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