

By Senator Book

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to removing memorializations of the  
3       Confederate States of America; amending s. 256.051,  
4       F.S.; deleting provisions prohibiting specified  
5       improper uses or mutilation of the flag or emblem of  
6       the Confederate States of America; repealing s.  
7       256.10, F.S., relating to the mutilation of, or  
8       disrespect for, Confederate flags or replicas thereof;  
9       amending s. 683.01, F.S.; removing the designations of  
10      the Birthdays of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis and  
11      Confederate Memorial Day as legal holidays; providing  
12      an effective date.

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

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16       Section 1. Section 256.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
17      read:

18       256.051 Improper use or mutilation of state ~~or Confederate~~  
19      flag or emblem prohibited.—

20       (1) It is ~~shall be~~ unlawful for any person, firm, or  
21      corporation to copy, print, publish, or otherwise use the flag  
22      or state emblem of Florida, ~~or the flag or emblem of the~~  
23      ~~Confederate States, or any flag or emblem used by the~~  
24      ~~Confederate States or the military or naval forces of the~~  
25      ~~Confederate States at any time within the years 1860 to 1865,~~  
26      ~~both inclusive,~~ for the purpose of advertising, selling, or  
27      promoting the sale of any article of merchandise ~~whatever~~ within  
28      this state.

29       (2) It ~~shall~~ also is ~~be~~ unlawful for any person, firm, or

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30 corporation to mutilate, deface, defile, or contemptuously abuse  
 31 the flag or emblem of Florida ~~or the flag or emblem of the~~  
 32 ~~Confederate States by any act whatever.~~

33 (3) This section may not ~~Nothing in this section shall be~~  
 34 construed to prevent the use of any flag, standard, color,  
 35 shield, ensign, or other insignia of Florida ~~or of the~~  
 36 ~~Confederate States~~ for decorative or patriotic purposes.

37 Section 2. Section 256.10, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

38 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 683.01, Florida  
 39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 683.01 Legal holidays.—

41 (1) The legal holidays, which are also public holidays, are  
 42 the following:

43 (a) Sunday, the first day of each week.

44 (b) New Year's Day, January 1.

45 (c) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15.

46 ~~(d) Birthday of Robert E. Lee, January 19.~~

47 ~~(e) Lincoln's Birthday, February 12.~~

48 (e) ~~(f)~~ Susan B. Anthony's Birthday, February 15.

49 (f) ~~(g)~~ Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February.

50 (g) ~~(h)~~ Good Friday.

51 (h) ~~(i)~~ Pascua Florida Day, April 2.

52 ~~(j) Confederate Memorial Day, April 26.~~

53 (i) ~~(k)~~ Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

54 ~~(l) Birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3.~~

55 (j) ~~(m)~~ Flag Day, June 14.

56 (k) ~~(n)~~ Independence Day, July 4.

57 (l) ~~(o)~~ Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

58 (m) ~~(p)~~ Columbus Day and Farmers' Day, the second Monday in

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59 October.

60       (n)~~(q)~~ Veterans' Day, November 11.

61       (o)~~(r)~~ General Election Day.

62       (p)~~(s)~~ Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.

63       (q)~~(t)~~ Christmas Day, December 25.

64       (r)~~(u)~~ Shrove Tuesday, sometimes also known as "Mardi

65 Gras," in counties where carnival associations are organized for

66 the purpose of celebrating the same.

67       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.