

By Senator Taddeo

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to naming highways; requiring counties  
3           and municipalities to rename their respective portions  
4           of Dixie Highway, Old Dixie Highway, North Dixie  
5           Highway, or South Dixie Highway as "Harriet Tubman  
6           Highway" by a specified date; providing exceptions;  
7           requiring the Department of Transportation to rename  
8           portions of such highways as "Harriet Tubman Highway"  
9           upon approval of the appropriate board of county  
10           commissioners or governing body of a municipality;  
11           requiring the department to coordinate with applicable  
12           boards of county commissioners or governing bodies of  
13           municipalities to rename portions of such highways  
14           under certain circumstances; providing an effective  
15           date.

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

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19           Section 1. Dixie Highway, Old Dixie Highway, North Dixie  
20 Highway, and South Dixie Highway renaming.-

21           (1) Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or  
22 resolution, by July 1, 2022, each county shall, if applicable,  
23 rename any portion of Dixie Highway, Old Dixie Highway, North  
24 Dixie Highway, or South Dixie Highway which runs through the  
25 county, pursuant to chapter 336, Florida Statutes, as "Harriet  
26 Tubman Highway," unless the county renames any such portion to  
27 another name of the county's choosing.

28           (2) Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or  
29 resolution, by July 1, 2022, each municipality shall, if

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30 applicable, rename any portion of Dixie Highway, Old Dixie  
31 Highway, North Dixie Highway, or South Dixie Highway which runs  
32 through the municipality and which is classified as being part  
33 of the city street system, as defined in s. 334.03(3), Florida  
34 Statutes, as "Harriet Tubman Highway," unless the municipality  
35 renames any such portion to another name of the municipality's  
36 choosing.

37 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, by July 1, 2022, the  
38 Department of Transportation shall rename any portion of Dixie  
39 Highway, Old Dixie Highway, North Dixie Highway, or South Dixie  
40 Highway classified as part of the State Highway System, as  
41 "Harriet Tubman Highway" upon approval by the appropriate board  
42 of county commissioners or governing body of a municipality with  
43 jurisdiction over the geographical area in which the portion of  
44 the state road is located. If the board or governing body does  
45 not provide such approval to the department, the department must  
46 coordinate with the board or governing body to rename any  
47 portion of Dixie Highway, Old Dixie Highway, North Dixie  
48 Highway, or South Dixie Highway to a name of the board's or  
49 governing body's choosing.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.