

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 567 Designation of the State Dessert
SPONSOR(S): State Affairs Committee, McClure, Busatta Cabrera and others
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** CS/SB 1006

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Public Integrity & Elections Committee	18 Y, 0 N	Friant	Rubottom
2) State Affairs Committee	21 Y, 0 N, As CS	Landry	Williamson

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current law provides 43 state designations such as the state pie, state fruit, state beverage, and state honey. Florida does not, however, have a designation for a state dessert.

The bill designates the strawberry shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping as the official Florida state dessert.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

State Emblems

Chapter 15, F.S., designates official state emblems. It contains 43 state designations including the state pie, state fruit, state beverage, and state honey.¹ Current law does not contain a designation for a state dessert.

Six states including Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, and South Dakota have designated an official state dessert.² Other states have an official state pie, such as Florida's adoption of the Key Lime Pie in 2006 and Texas's adoption of the Pecan Pie in 2013.³ In 2016, Alabama designated the Lane Cake as the official state cake.⁴

Strawberry Industry

Florida produces 12 percent of the United States value of strawberries annually, valued at \$307 million.⁵ Strawberries are the second highest valued of the berry, potato, vegetable, and watermelon crops in Florida.⁶

There are approximately 8,000 acres of strawberries grown in Florida and it is the second largest producing region in the U.S. Plant City, Florida is known as the Winter Strawberry Capital of the World and is the dominate region in the U.S. that produces strawberries in the winter.⁷

Effect of the Bill

The bill designates strawberry shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping as the official state dessert of Florida.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 creates s. 15.0522, F.S., to designate the strawberry shortcake with natural Florida dairy topping as the official state dessert of Florida.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.

¹ Official designations include the state flag, seal, motto, tree, fruit, beverage, citrus archive, anthem, song, shell, stone, gem, wildflower, play, animal, freshwater and saltwater fishes, marine and saltwater mammals, butterfly, reptile, saltwater reptile, tortoise, air fair, rodeo, festival, moving image center and archive, litter control symbol, pageant, opera program, renaissance festival, railroad, history, and transportation museums, flagship, soil, fiddle contest, band, Sports Hall of Fame, pie, honey, horse, and heritage cattle breed.

² DE ST T1 29 § 321 (2009); ME ST T.1 § 226 (2011); SD ST § 1-6-16.7 (2000); MD GEN PROVIS § 7-313 (2014); MO ST 10.180 (2008); MA ST 2 § 41 (1996).

³ FL ST § 15.052 (2006); Texas Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013).

⁴ AL ST § 1-2-41 (2016).

⁵ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, *Florida Agriculture Overview and Statistics*, <https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Florida-Agriculture-Overview-and-Statistics> (last visited Jan. 24, 2022).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Florida Strawberry Growers Association, *Facts About Florida Strawberries*, <https://floridastrawberry.org/facts-about-florida-strawberries> (last visited Jan. 24, 2022).

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a state revenue source.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate state expenditures.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate a local revenue source.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not create, modify, amend, or eliminate local expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. The bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

3. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On January 26, 2022, the State Affairs Committee adopted one amendment and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The amendment provides that strawberry shortcake *with natural Florida dairy topping* is designated as the official Florida state dessert.

The analysis is drafted to the committee substitute as approved by the State Affairs Committee.