

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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To: Rules

By: Senator(s) Simmons (12th), Blount, Jackson, Frazier, Thomas, Simmons (13th), Brumfield, Norwood, Hickman, Jordan, Blackmon, Butler, Turner-Ford, Barnett

Senate Bill 2230

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE LEGAL HOLIDAYS BY REMOVING CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AND DESIGNATING THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE AS JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY; TO CLARIFY WHEN A LEGAL HOLIDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IF THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF

MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

3-3-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, the following are declared to be legal holidays, viz:

(a) The first day of January, designated as New Year's Day;

(b) The third Monday of January, designated as both Robert E. Lee's birthday and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday;

(c) The third Monday of February, designated as George Washington's birthday;

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(d) The last Monday of May, designated as both National Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis' birthday;

(e) The nineteenth day of June, designated as Juneteenth Freedom Day;

(f) The fourth day of July, designated as
Independence Day;

(g) The first Monday of September, designated as
Labor Day;

(h) The eleventh day of November, designated as
Armistice or Veterans' Day;

(i) The day fixed by proclamation by the Governor of
Mississippi as a day of Thanksgiving, which shall be fixed to
correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the United
States, designated as Thanksgiving Day; and

(j) The twenty-fifth day of December, designated as
Christmas Day.

* * * If any legal holiday * * * falls on a Saturday or
Sunday, then the next following * * * Monday, or another day
declared by proclamation of the Governor as the day to celebrate
the holiday, shall be a legal holiday.

(2) In lieu of any one (1) legal holiday provided for in
subsection (1) of this section, with the exception of the third
Monday in January, designated as both Robert E. Lee's and Martin
Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, and the eleventh day of November,
designated as Armistice or Veterans' Day, the governing
authorities of any municipality or county may declare, by order
spread upon its minutes, Mardi Gras Day or any one (1) other day
during the year, to be a legal holiday.

(3) August 16 is declared to be Elvis Aaron Presley Day in
recognition and appreciation of Elvis Aaron Presley's many
contributions, international recognition and the rich legacy