

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 973

5 By: Senator Wilkins
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 25 TO ADD AN
10 ADDITIONAL CHAPTER TO ESTABLISH THE DAISY GATSON
11 BATES HOLIDAY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE
12 APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT
13 THE STATE RELATING TO THE OBSERVANCE OF DAISY
14 GATSON BATES HOLIDAY; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §
15 25-16-903 TO SET A STIPEND FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND
16 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO ESTABLISH THE DAISY GATSON BATES
19 HOLIDAY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND
20 COORDINATE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND
21 ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 41, is amended to add an*
28 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

29 CHAPTER 41 DAISY GATSON BATES HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

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31 25-41-101. Committee created - Members.

32 (a) There is created a committee to be known as the "Daisy Gatson
33 Bates Holiday Committee".

34 (b) The commission shall consist of nine (9) members:

35 (1) Three (3) members of the general public who are residents of



1 Arkansas and shall represent the state at large, to be appointed by the
2 Governor;

3 (2) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives, two (2) of whom shall represent and be residents of
5 the First and Second Congressional Districts of Arkansas, respectively, and a
6 third who shall represent the state at large; and

7 (3) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the President Pro
8 Tempore of the Senate, two (2) of whom shall represent and be residents of
9 the Third and Fourth Congressional Districts of Arkansas, respectively, and a
10 third who shall represent the state at-large.

11 (c)(1) Members shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

12 (2) No member of the committee shall serve more than two (2)
13 consecutive terms.

14 (3) A vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the balance
15 of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment was
16 made.

17 (d) The Governor shall designate one (1) member appointed from the
18 state at large as the chairperson of the committee.

19 (e) A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the
20 transaction of business.

21 (f)(1) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but,
22 to the extent moneys are appropriated by the General Assembly, may receive
23 expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902 and may receive stipends
24 in accordance with § 25-16-903.

25 (2) However, members of the committee shall not receive stipend
26 payments under § 25-16-903 for more than four (4) meetings in a twelve-month
27 period.

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29 25-41-102. Duties.

30 (a) The Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee shall have the following
31 duties:

32 (1) To promote among the people of Arkansas, by appropriate
33 activities, both awareness and appreciation of the civil rights movement and
34 advocacy of the principles and legacy of Ms. Daisy Gatson Bates;

35 (2) To promote principles of mentoring and leadership;

36 (3) To promote racial harmony, understanding, respect, and

1 goodwill among all citizens of Arkansas; and

2 (4) To develop, coordinate, and advise the Governor and the
3 General Assembly of appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the
4 state relating to the observance of the Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday.

5 (b) The committee may receive donations and contributions from
6 individuals and public and private organizations in order to carry out its
7 responsibilities.

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9 25-41-103. Powers.

10 The Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee may employ any staff and
11 consultants if an appropriation is made for that purpose by the General
12 Assembly, and may fix the compensation, duties, authority, and
13 responsibilities of the committee's employees.

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15 SECTION 2. At the first meeting of the committee, the members shall
16 draw lots for terms so that three (3) members will serve for a term of one
17 (1) year; three (3) members will serve for a term of two (2) years; and three
18 (3) members will serve for a term of three (3) years.

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20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 25-16-903, regarding state boards being
21 authorized to pay to members a stipend not to exceed sixty dollars (\$60.00),
22 is amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

23 (70) Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee.

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25 /s/ Wilkins

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27 **APPROVED: 4/9/2007**