

ARKANSAS SENATE
86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 973

"TO ESTABLISH THE DAISY GATSON BATES HOLIDAY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP
AND COORDINATE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT
THE STATE."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 973.

Amend Senate Bill No. 973 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 41, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

CHAPTER 41 DAISY GATSON BATES HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

25-41-101. Committee created - Members.

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

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

(1) Three (3) members of the general public who are residents of Arkansas and shall represent the state at large, to be appointed by the Governor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25-41-102. Duties.

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

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

(2) To promote principles of mentoring and leadership;

(3) To promote racial harmony, understanding, respect, and goodwill among all citizens of Arkansas; and

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

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

25-41-103. Powers.

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

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

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

(70) Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

**By: Senator Wilkins
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Secretary