

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

HOUSE BILL 2556

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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 BATES  
11 HOLIDAY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE  
12 APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE  
13 STATE RELATING TO THE OBSERVANCE OF DAISY GATSON BATES  
14 HOLIDAY; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 25-16-903 TO SET A  
15 STIPEND FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

17 TO ESTABLISH THE DAISY GATSON BATES  
18 HOLIDAY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND  
19 COORDINATE APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND  
20 ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 32, is amended to add an  
27 additional subchapter to read as follows:

28 CHAPTER 32 - The Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee

29 25-32-101. Committee created - Members.

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

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

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

36 (2) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the

1 House, two (2) of whom shall represent and be residents of the First and  
 2 Second Congressional Districts of Arkansas, respectively, and a third who  
 3 shall represent the state at-large; and

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

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

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

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

17 (d) The Governor shall designate one (1) member as the chairperson of  
 18 the committee to be appointed from among the general public membership.

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 25-32-102. 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 state  
4 relating to the observance of 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 25-32-103. Powers.

10 The Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee may employ any staff and  
11 consultants as appropriated by the General Assembly, and may fix the  
12 compensation, duties, authority, and responsibilities of those employees.

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 25-16-903, regarding state boards being  
15 authorized to pay to members a stipend not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
16 is amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

17 (69) Daisy Gatson Bates Holiday Committee.

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