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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1113

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICIAL STATE HOLIDAYS; TO  
9 ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE HOLIDAY  
10 CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY  
11 AS THE STATE HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR.  
12 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE  
16 HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S  
17 BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE  
18 HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR.  
19 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-5-101(a)(2), concerning official state  
26 holidays, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday ~~and Robert E. Lee's~~  
28 ~~Birthda~~y – the third Monday in January;  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-107 is amended to read as follows:  
31 6-16-107. Patriotic observances generally.

32 (a) February 22, as the birthday of George Washington, ~~and January 19,~~  
33 ~~as the birthday of Robert E. Lee,~~ and such other days as may be designated by  
34 the State Board of Education for patriotic observance shall be observed with  
35 appropriate exercises.

36 (b) ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing~~ This



1 section does not authorize the closing of any school on such days without  
2 consent of the board of directors of the school district.

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