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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1119

5 By: Representative Love
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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17 TO ELIMINATE THE DUAL STATUS OF THE STATE
18 HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ROBERT E. LEE'S
19 BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATE
20 HOLIDAY CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR.
21 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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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 § 1-5-101(a)(2), concerning official state
27 holidays, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday ~~and Robert E. Lee's~~
29 ~~Birthday~~ – *the third Monday in January*;

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 1-5-106, concerning state memorial days to
32 be commemorated by gubernatorial proclamation, is amended to add an
33 additional subdivision to read as follows:

34 (12) Robert E. Lee's Birthday – the second Friday in January.
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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-16-107 is amended to read as follows:



1 6-16-107. Patriotic observances generally.

2 (a) February 22, as the birthday of George Washington, and ~~January 19~~
3 ~~as the second Friday in January, to celebrate~~ the birthday of Robert E. Lee,
4 and such other days as may be designated by the State Board of Education for
5 patriotic observance shall be observed with appropriate exercises.

6 (b) ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing~~ This
7 section does not authorize the closing of any school on such days without
8 consent of the board of directors of the school district.

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