

House Bill 855

By: ~~Representatives Benton of the 31st, Allison of the 8th, Petrea of the 166th, Cheokas of the 138th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd~~

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to include Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate
3 Memorial Day as public and legal holidays in the State of Georgia; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
8 observances, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating to public
9 and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided
10 for, as follows:

11 "(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

12 (1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 1984, as public and legal
13 holidays by the federal government; ~~and~~

14 (2) January 19, for Robert E. Lee's birthday;

15 (3) April 26, for Confederate Memorial Day; and

16 ~~(2)(4) All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal~~
17 ~~holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. In such~~
18 ~~designation the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19,~~
19 ~~April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events~~
20 ~~now observed by such dates."~~

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.