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To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1310

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DECLARE MAY 17 AS STATE PARALEGAL DAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

4 SECTION 1. Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
5 amended as follows:[HS1]

6 3-3-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)  
7 of this section, the following are declared to be legal holidays,  
8 viz: the first day of January (New Year's Day); the third Monday  
9 of January (Robert E. Lee's birthday and Dr. Martin Luther King,  
10 Jr.'s birthday); the third Monday of February (Washington's  
11 birthday); the last Monday of April (Confederate Memorial Day);  
12 the last Monday of May (National Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis'  
13 birthday); the fourth day of July (Independence Day); the first  
14 Monday of September (Labor Day); the eleventh day of November  
15 (Armistice or Veterans' Day); the day fixed by proclamation by the  
16 Governor of Mississippi as a day of Thanksgiving, which shall be  
17 fixed to correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the  
18 United States (Thanksgiving Day); and the twenty-fifth day of  
19 December (Christmas Day). In the event any holiday hereinbefore  
20 declared legal shall fall on Sunday, then the next following day  
21 shall be a legal holiday.

22 (2) In lieu of any one (1) legal holiday provided for in  
23 subsection (1) of this section, with the exception of the third  
24 Monday in January (Robert E. Lee's and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
25 birthday), the governing authorities of any municipality or county  
26 may declare, by order spread upon its minutes, Mardi Gras Day or

27 any one (1) other day during the year, to be a legal holiday.

28 (3) August 16 is declared to be Elvis Aron Presley Day in  
29 recognition and appreciation of Elvis Aron Presley's many  
30 contributions, international recognition and the rich legacy left  
31 to us by Elvis Aron Presley. This day shall be a day of  
32 recognition and observation and shall not be recognized as a legal  
33 holiday.

34 (4) May 8 is declared to be Hernando de Soto Day in  
35 recognition, observation and commemoration of Hernando de Soto,  
36 who led the first and most imposing expedition ever made by  
37 Europeans into the wilds of North America and the State of  
38 Mississippi, and in further recognition of the Spanish explorer's  
39 one-hundred-eighty-seven-day journey from the Tombigbee River  
40 basin on our state's eastern boundary, westward to the place of  
41 discovery of the Mississippi River on May 8, 1541. This day shall  
42 be a day of commemoration, recognition and observation of Hernando  
43 de Soto and European exploration and shall not be recognized as a  
44 legal holiday.

45 (5) Insofar as possible, Armistice Day shall be observed by  
46 appropriate exercises in all the public schools in the State of  
47 Mississippi at the eleventh hour in the morning of the eleventh  
48 day of the eleventh month of the year.

49 (6) May 17 is declared to be State Paralegal Day in  
50 recognition and appreciation of the many contributions of members  
51 of this profession to our state. This day shall be a day of  
52 recognition and observation and shall not be recognized as a legal  
53 holiday.

54 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
55 and after July 1, 2000.