

By: Representative Rosebud

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 1006

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE STATE HOLIDAYS TO REMOVE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AS A  
3 STATE HOLIDAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 3-3-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)  
8 of this section, the following are declared to be legal  
9 holidays \* \* \*:

10 (a) The first day of January, designated as New Year's  
11 Day;

12 (b) The third Monday of January, designated as Robert  
13 E. Lee's birthday and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday;

14 (c) The third Monday of February, designated as George  
15 Washington's birthday;

16 \* \* \*

17 (d) The last Monday of May, designated as both National  
18 Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis' birthday;



19           (e) The fourth day of July, designated as Independence  
20 Day;

21           (f) The first Monday of September, designated as Labor  
22 Day;

23           (g) The eleventh day of November, designated as  
24 Armistice or Veterans' Day;

25           (h) The day fixed by proclamation by the Governor of  
26 Mississippi as a day of Thanksgiving, which shall be fixed to  
27 correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the United  
28 States, designated as Thanksgiving Day; and

29           (i) The twenty-fifth day of December, designated as  
30 Christmas Day.

31           \* \* \* If any legal holiday \* \* \* falls on a Sunday, then the  
32 next following day shall be a legal holiday.

33           (2) In lieu of any one (1) legal holiday provided for in  
34 subsection (1) of this section, with the exception of the third  
35 Monday in January, designated as Robert E. Lee's and Dr. Martin  
36 Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and the eleventh day of November,  
37 designated as Armistice or Veterans' Day, the governing  
38 authorities of any municipality or county may declare, by order  
39 spread upon its minutes, Mardi Gras Day or any one (1) other day  
40 during the year, to be a legal holiday.

41           (3) August 16 is declared to be Elvis Aaron Presley Day in  
42 recognition and appreciation of Elvis Aaron Presley's many  
43 contributions, international recognition and the rich legacy left



44 to us by Elvis Aaron Presley. This day shall be a day of  
45 recognition and observation and shall not be recognized as a legal  
46 holiday.

47 (4) May 8 is declared to be Hernando de Soto Day in  
48 recognition, observation and commemoration of Hernando de Soto,  
49 who led the first and most imposing expedition ever made by  
50 Europeans into the wilds of North America and the State of  
51 Mississippi, and in further recognition of the Spanish explorer's  
52 187-day journey from the Tombigbee River basin on our state's  
53 eastern boundary, westward to the place of discovery of the  
54 Mississippi River on May 8, 1541. This day shall be a day of  
55 commemoration, recognition and observation of Hernando de Soto and  
56 European exploration and shall not be recognized as a legal  
57 holiday.

58 (5) Armistice \* \* \* or Veterans' Day shall be observed by  
59 appropriate exercises in all the public schools in the State of  
60 Mississippi. The superintendent of schools of each public school  
61 district is authorized to provide for the appearance of uniformed  
62 military personnel, uniformed veterans or the families of fallen  
63 military personnel/veterans at such public school exercises in  
64 honor of Armistice or Veterans' Day. The superintendent of  
65 schools is also authorized to permit the school band and its  
66 director(s) at any public school in the district to perform at  
67 Armistice or Veterans' Day exercises in the school district upon  
68 the request of public officials or veterans associations without



69 loss of any program credit by participating students and without  
70 loss of leave by participating school personnel.

71           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
72 and after July 1, 2023.

