

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 585 Legal Holidays & Special Observances/Sir Lancelot Jones Day

SPONSOR(S): Raschein

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 946

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Government Operations Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Toliver	Williamson
2) Local & Federal Affairs Committee			
3) State Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current law provides designations for legal holidays and special observances. Recognition of a legal holiday or special observance may apply statewide or may be limited to a particular county.

The bill designates the second Monday in October of each year as “Sir Lancelot Jones Day.” It authorizes the Governor to issue annually a proclamation designating that day as “Sir Lancelot Jones Day.” The bill encourages public officials, schools, private organizations, and all residents of the state to honor the legacy of Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones and his contributions to the state.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

Legal Holidays and Observances

Chapter 683, F.S., provides designations for legal holidays and special observances. Recognition of a legal holiday or special observance may apply statewide or may be limited to a particular county. In addition, such recognition may require an action to be performed or may simply call for commemoration or observance of the date, day, or month.¹ Section 683.01, F.S., provides 21 legal holidays that are also public holidays.²

Section 110.117, F.S., designates paid holidays that are observed by all state branches and agencies. The state recognizes nine such holidays.

Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones

Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones was born in 1898, and resided in Porgy Key, near the southern end of Biscayne Bay. He was a farmer, fisherman, and conservationist. Mr. Jones sold his family's 277 acres of property to the National Park Service to contribute to what is known as Biscayne National Park.³

Effect of the Bill

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Creates s. 683.095, F.S., designating the second Monday in October as Sir Lancelot Jones Day.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government revenues.

¹ For example, the Governor must proclaim April 14 of each year as "Pan American Day," and public schools must honor the republics of Latin America. Section 683.05, F.S. The Governor may annually issue a proclamation designating April 2 as "Florida State Day" and designating the week of March 27 to April 2 as "Pascua Florida Week." Section 683.06, F.S. "Gasparilla Day" is designated as a legal holiday in Hillsborough County, and all city, county, and state offices, and banking institutions may remain closed on that day. Section 683.08, F.S.

² Section 683.02, F.S., provides that whenever, in contracts to be performed in the state, reference is made to "legal holidays," the term is understood to include the holidays designated in s. 683.01, F.S., and such others as may be designated by law.

³ See <http://www.nps.gov/bisc/learn/news/jones-family-historic-district-listed-on-national-register-of-historic-places.htm> (last visited March 20, 2015).

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state government expenditures.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

This bill does not appear to have a direct economic impact on the private sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds, reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate, nor reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.