

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the National Statuary Hall;
3 providing for selection of up to two prominent Florida
4 citizens to be commemorated in the National Statuary
5 Hall of the United States Capitol; providing for
6 selection of a sculptor to design the statues;
7 requiring the Department of State to submit a report
8 and recommendations to the Legislature; providing for
9 submission of the state's request to the United States
10 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for
11 approval; providing an effective date.

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13 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2131, each state is
14 permitted to provide and furnish to the United States
15 Capitol two statues, in marble or bronze, of deceased
16 persons who have been prominent citizens of the state for
17 placement in the National Statuary Hall, and

18 WHEREAS, currently, Florida has two statues, of Dr. John
19 Gorrie and of General Edmund Kirby Smith, in the National
20 Statuary Hall, and

21 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, a state may request
22 that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the
23 replacement of any statue the state has provided for display in
24 the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol, NOW,
25 THEREFORE,

27 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 29 Section 1. (1) At its first annual meeting following the
 30 effective date of this act, the ad hoc committee of the Great
 31 Floridians Program within the Division of Historical Resources
 32 of the Department of State, as established under s.
 33 267.0731(1)(b), Florida Statutes, shall select, according to
 34 guidelines prescribed by the division, up to two prominent
 35 Florida citizens, including, but not limited to, persons of
 36 distinguished civil or military service, to be commemorated in
 37 the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. The ad
 38 hoc committee shall submit its recommendations to the Division
 39 of Historical Resources and the Division of Cultural Affairs.

40 (2) At its first meeting following the effective date of
 41 this act, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, as
 42 established under s. 265.285, Florida Statutes, shall select,
 43 according to guidelines prescribed by the Department of State, a
 44 sculptor to design the statues selected pursuant to subsection
 45 (1). The Florida Council on Arts and Culture shall submit its
 46 recommendation to the Division of Historical Resources and the
 47 Division of Cultural Affairs.

48 (3) The Department of State shall coordinate the
 49 recommendations submitted to the Division of Historical
 50 Resources and the Division of Cultural Affairs and shall submit
 51 a report by January 1, 2017, to the Governor, the President of
 52 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that

53 includes, but is not limited to:

54 (a) The names of prominent Florida citizens and the
55 process used to select prominent Florida citizens.

56 (b) The name of the sculptor and the process used to
57 select the sculptor.

58 (c) An estimate of the total costs associated with
59 replacement of up to two statues, including the costs to remove
60 and transfer the current statues and to install the replacement
61 statues.

62 (4) In accordance with 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, upon receiving
63 the report under subsection (3), the Legislature may request by
64 memorial that the United States Joint Committee on the Library
65 of Congress approve the request to replace the statues of Dr.
66 John Gorrie, General Edmund Kirby Smith, or both, as applicable,
67 and that the Architect of the Capitol carry out the request.
68 Upon adoption of the memorial by the Legislature and approval of
69 the request in writing by the Governor, the memorial shall be
70 submitted to the United States Joint Committee on the Library of
71 Congress.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.