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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Bracy moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 40 - 47

and insert:

Section 1. Present paragraphs (k) through (m) and (n) through (u) of subsection (1) of section 683.01, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (l) through (n) and (p) through (w), respectively, and new paragraphs (k) and (o) are added to that subsection, to read:

683.01 Legal holidays.—

(1) The legal holidays, which are also public holidays, are



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12 the following:

13 (k) Emancipation Day, May 20.

14 (o) Juneteenth Day, June 19.

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16 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete lines 3 - 36

19 and insert:

20 F.S.; designating Emancipation Day as a legal holiday;

21 designating Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday;

22 repealing s. 683.21, F.S., relating to Juneteenth Day;

23 deleting provisions designating Juneteenth Day as a

24 special observance, to conform to changes made by the

25 act; providing an effective date.

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27 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln
28 issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which afforded free status
29 under federal law to the millions of enslaved African Americans
30 who resided in states that had seceded from the Union, including
31 Florida, and

32 WHEREAS, despite the issuance of the Emancipation
33 Proclamation, it was not fully enforced in certain regions of
34 the United States for more than 2 years afterward, and

35 WHEREAS, on or about June 19, 1865, federal authorities
36 arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce the Emancipation
37 Proclamation and further inform slaves that the Civil War had
38 ended and that the enslaved were now free, and

39 WHEREAS, thereafter, former slaves and their descendants
40 continued to commemorate each June 19 to celebrate freedom and



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41 the emancipation of all slaves in the United States, and
42 WHEREAS, emancipation in Florida was proclaimed in
43 Tallahassee on May 20, 1865, and for this reason Floridians
44 traditionally celebrate Emancipation Day on May 20 of each year,
45 and
46 WHEREAS, in 1991, the Florida Legislature officially
47 designated June 19 of each year as "Juneteenth Day" to
48 commemorate the freeing of slaves, but did not designate the day
49 as an official legal holiday, and
50 WHEREAS, this act designates Emancipation Day and
51 Juneteenth Day as legal holidays in this state to commemorate
52 the announcement of the abolition of slavery and to recognize
53 the significant contributions of African Americans to this state
54 and our nation, NOW, THEREFORE,