

1 HB41  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under current law, the Department of Finance  
9 is tasked with managing the First White House of  
10 the Confederacy.

11 This bill would remove certain language  
12 relating to the manner in which the Department of  
13 Finance manages the property.

14 This bill would also make nonsubstantive,  
15 technical revisions to update the existing code  
16 language to current style.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to state property; to amend Sections  
23 41-12-1 and 41-12-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to remove certain  
24 language relating to the manner in which the Department of  
25 Finance manages the First White House of the Confederacy; and  
26 to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the  
27 existing code language to current style.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Sections 41-12-1 and 41-12-3, Code of  
3 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

4 "§41-12-1.

5 "(a) The building and grounds known as the ~~first~~  
6 First White House of the Confederacy, opposite the Capitol and  
7 now the property of the state, shall be preserved ~~and held~~  
8 ~~inviolate as a perpetual memorial to Jefferson Davis and the~~  
9 ~~men and women associated with him in the organization of the~~  
10 ~~Confederate government~~ and as a reminder to all future  
11 generations that ~~this great historical event~~ the organization  
12 of the Confederate government under Jefferson Davis, one of  
13 the most memorable events in the annals of time, occurred in  
14 the City of Montgomery and State of Alabama.

15 "(b) To this end ~~its~~ use of the First White House  
16 of the Confederacy shall be confined to a display of what is  
17 known as the Jefferson Davis relics and such other relics of  
18 the Confederacy as may be gathered from time to time;  
19 provided, that vacant space not so in use may be occupied by  
20 ~~such~~ state officials as the Governor ~~may~~, from time to time,  
21 may direct."

22 "§41-12-3.

23 "The management of the ~~first~~ First White House of  
24 the Confederacy ~~as an institution for the cultivation of~~  
25 ~~Confederate history, the preservation of Confederate relics~~  
26 ~~and as a reminder for all time of how pure and great were~~  
27 ~~southern statesmen and southern valor~~ is confided to the

1 organization known as the White House Association, through its  
2 duly accredited officers, this association having begun the  
3 work of acquiring the building and having carried it to a  
4 successful conclusion. Their several acts shall at all times  
5 be subject to the approval of the Governor."

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
7 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
8 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.