

Senate Bill 294

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to revise the public and legal holidays recognized by the
3 State of Georgia; to prohibit the recognition of public and legal holidays honoring,
4 recognizing, observing, or celebrating the Confederate States of America, its history, or the
5 military or political leaders thereof or the Civil War; to repeal the observing of Confederate
6 History and Heritage Month; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
7 for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
11 observances, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating to public
12 and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided
13 for, as follows:

14 "(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

15 (1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 1984, as public and legal
16 holidays by the federal government; and

17 (2) All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal
18 holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. ~~In such~~
19 ~~designation the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19,~~
20 ~~April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events~~
21 ~~now observed by such dates~~ The Governor shall not designate or proclaim as public and
22 legal holidays any days to honor, recognize, observe, or celebrate the Confederate States
23 of America, its history, or the military or political leaders thereof or the Civil War."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 1-4-20, relating to
26 designation of Confederate History and Heritage Month.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.