

1 SB219
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3 By Senator Barfoot
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would designate the first Friday in May as Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This bill would allow each county and municipality to elect to observe Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day as a holiday.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state holidays; to designate Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(1) In 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of the American law enforcement members who have been killed in the line of duty.

1 (2) The National Fraternal Order of Police initiated
2 an annual service in 1982 to honor and remember fallen law
3 enforcement officers.

4 (3) Since 1983, the Alabama State Fraternal Order of
5 Police has annually held a Fallen Officer Memorial Service in
6 honor of Alabama officers killed in the line of duty. This
7 service is traditionally held on the south lawn of the State
8 Capitol building on the first Friday of May.

9 (4) Since its inception, Alabama's Fallen Officer
10 Memorial Service has honored 598 officers, and the service has
11 provided comfort to the families who have lost loved ones in
12 the line of duty.

13 (b) (1) The first Friday in May of each year is
14 designated as Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day. All
15 residents of this state are urged to devote some portion of
16 Peace Officers' Memorial Day to reflect upon the sacrifice of
17 Alabama law enforcement members who were killed in the line of
18 duty, and to honor their selfless contributions to the
19 livelihoods of their fellow Alabamians.

20 (2) Each county and municipality may elect to
21 observe Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.