

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. s. 2132, a state may request
24 that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the
25 replacement of any statue the state has provided for display in

26 the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol, NOW,
 27 THEREFORE,

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

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

42 (2) At its first meeting following the effective date of
 43 this act, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, as
 44 established under s. 265.285, Florida Statutes, shall select,
 45 according to guidelines prescribed by the Department of State, a
 46 sculptor to design a statue of the prominent Florida citizen
 47 selected pursuant to subsection (1) for replacement of the
 48 statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary
 49 Hall.

50 (3) The Department of State shall coordinate the
 51 recommendations submitted to the Division of Historical

52 Resources and the Division of Cultural Affairs and shall submit
53 a report by January 1, 2017, to the Governor, the President of
54 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that
55 includes, but is not limited to:

56 (a) The name of the prominent Florida citizen and the
57 process used to select the prominent Florida citizen.

58 (b) The name of the sculptor and the process used to
59 select the sculptor.

60 (c) An estimate of the total costs associated with
61 replacement of the statue, including the costs to remove and
62 transfer the current statue and to install the replacement
63 statue.

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

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