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S. 573

To remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

To remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Confederate Monu-
5 ment Removal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS AND REMOVAL PROCEDURES.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1814 of the Revised
8 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) is amended by inserting “(other

1 than persons who served voluntarily with the Confederate
2 States of America)” after “military services”.

3 (b) STATUE REMOVAL PROCEDURES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Capitol
5 shall—

6 (A) identify all statues on display in the
7 United States Capitol that do not meet the re-
8 quirements of section 1814 of the Revised Stat-
9 utes (2 U.S.C. 2131), as amended by subsection
10 (a); and

11 (B) subject to the approval of the Joint
12 Committee on the Library of Congress, arrange
13 for the removal of each such statue from the
14 United States Capitol by not later than 120
15 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (2) REMOVAL AND RETURN OF STATUES.—

17 (A) RETURNING STATUES TO STATES.—In
18 the case of a statue that is removed under this
19 subsection which was provided for display by a
20 State, the Architect of the Capitol shall arrange
21 to transfer and deliver the statue, and transfer
22 ownership of the statue, to the State if the
23 State so requests and agrees to pay any costs
24 related to the transportation of the statue to
25 the State.

1 (B) OTHER SITUATIONS.—Any statue re-
2 moved under this subsection that is not trans-
3 ferred and delivered to a State in accordance
4 with subparagraph (A) shall remain in the cus-
5 tody of the Architect of the Capitol. The Archi-
6 tect of the Capitol shall store the removed stat-
7 ue in a nonpublic location.

8 (3) REPLACEMENT OF STATUES.—A State that
9 has a statue removed under this subsection shall be
10 able to replace such statue in accordance with the
11 requirements and procedures of section 1814 of the
12 Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) and section 311 of
13 the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2
14 U.S.C. 2132).

15 (4) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated
17 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023,
18 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
19 appropriated, \$2,000,000 to the Architect of
20 the Capitol to carry out this section, including
21 the costs related to the removal, transfer, secu-
22 rity, and storage of the statues described in
23 paragraph (1)(A).

1 (B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appro-
2 priated under subparagraph (A) shall remain
3 available until expended.

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