

CS/HB 523 — Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame

by Government Operations Appropriations Committee and Reps. A. Williams, Carroll, and others (CS/SB 1354 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senators Hill and Joyner)

This bill provides for the establishment and location of the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame. The Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame will be located in the Capitol Building and maintained by the Department of Management Services. The Florida Commission on Human Relations will be consulted regarding the design and theme of the hall of fame. The commission will be in charge of the nomination process for the hall of fame.

The bill sets out the procedure for selection of members of the hall of fame by the Governor upon recommendations by the commission. The bill includes criteria for recommendation of a person to be added to the hall of fame, including that the person has made a significant contribution toward the state's progress and achievements in civil rights. The Governor will be responsible for the selection of up to three members annually from 10 persons recommended by the commission. The commission is authorized to set time periods for nomination and selection of members of the hall of fame.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0