

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 2412

SPONSOR: Senator Margolis

SUBJECT: Special Observances

DATE: March 21, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>White</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

The bill creates a new section of law to designate Janaury of each year as “Florida Jewish History Month,” and provides that the Governor may issue a proclamation each January that calls upon the citizens of Florida to observe the occasion.

This bill creates s. 683.195 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Chapter 683, F.S., relates to legal holidays and special observances. Section 683.01, F.S., designates 21 legal holidays,¹ while other provisions in ss. 683.04-683.325, F.S., designate special observances² or explain the significance of certain legal holidays.³ Additionally, legal

¹ The legal holidays named in s. 683.01, F.S., are: (a) Sunday, the first day of each week; (b) New Year’s Day, January 1; (c) Birthday of Martin Luther King, January 15; (d) Birthday of Robert E. Lee, January 19; (e) Lincoln’s Birthday, February 12; (f) Susan B. Anthony’s Birthday, February 15; (g) Washington’s Birthday, the third Monday in February; (h) Good Friday; (i) Pascua Florida Day, April 2; (j) Confederate Memorial Day, April 26; (k) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; (l) Birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3; (m) Flag Day, June 14; (n) Independence Day, July 4; (o) Labor Day, the first Monday in September; (p) Columbus Day and Farmers’ Day, the second Monday in October; (q) Veterans’ Day, November 11; (r) General Election Day; (s) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; (t) Christmas Day, December 25; and (u) Shrove Tuesday.

² See Section 683.04, F.S. (Arbor Day), Section 683.05, F.S. (Pan-American Day), Section 683.10, F.S. (Grandmother’s Day), Section 683.11, F.S. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Month), Section 683.115, F.S. (Law Enforcement Memorial Day), Section 683.13, F.S. (National Day of Mourning), Section 683.14, F.S. (Patriots’ Day), Section 683.145, F.S. (I Am An American Day), Section 683.15, F.S. (Teacher’s Day), Section 683.16, F.S. (Retired Teachers’ Day), Section 683.17, F.S. (Children’s Day), Section 683.18, F.S. (Save the Florida Panther Day), Section 683.21, F.S. (Juneteenth Day), Section 683.22, F.S. (Law Day and Law Week), Section 683.23, F.S. (Florida Missing Children’s Day), Section 683.24 F.S. (Florida Alzheimer’s Disease Day); Section 683.25 (Bill of Rights Day); and 683.325 (Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day).

holidays for specific counties in the state are listed in the chapter.⁴ Section 683.01, F.S., does not authorize state offices to be closed, nor does it authorize the designated days as paid holidays for state employees. The nine holidays that are paid holidays for state employees are listed in s. 110.117, F.S.⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates s. 683.195, F.S., to designate Janaury of each year as “Florida Jewish History Month,” and provides that the Governor may issue a proclamation each January that calls upon the citizens of Florida to observe the occasion.

The bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

³See Section 683.06 (discussing Pascua Florida Day), and Section 683.19, F.S. (providing that the chief judge in each judicial circuit may declare Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Good Friday as legal holidays for the courts within the circuit).

⁴See Section 683.08, F.S. (designating Gasparilla Day as a legal holiday in Hillsborough County), Section 683.09, F.S. (designating Desoto Day as a legal holiday in Manatee County), and Section 683.12, F.S. (designating Parade Day as a legal holiday in Hillsborough County).

⁵ The following holidays are paid holidays observed by all state branches and agencies: (a) New Year’s Day; (b) Birthday of Martin Luther King, third Monday in January; (c) Memorial Day; (d) Independence Day; (e) Labor Day; (f) Veterans’ Day, November 11; (g) Thanksgiving Day; (h) Friday after Thanksgiving; and (i) Christmas Day.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
