

House Bill 1147

By: Representatives Teague of the 58th, Mobley of the 69th, Brooks of the 54th, Anderson of the 116th and Mangham of the 75th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to designate the nineteenth day of June in each year as
3 "Juneteenth Celebration Day" in Georgia; to provide an explanation of the significance of
4 June 19, 1865; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
8 observances, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section
9 1-4-15 to read as follows:

10 "1-4-15.

11 The nineteenth day of June in each year is designated as 'Juneteenth Celebration Day' in
12 commemoration of June 19, 1865, when 200,000 former Texas slaves began to celebrate
13 their freedom upon hearing news of the Emancipation Proclamation and the official end
14 of the Civil War."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.