

House Bill 387 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th,
Fleming of the 117th, Roberts of the 154th, and others

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 make certain findings; to provide for annual observance
3 of "Georgia Day"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on February 12, 1733, the HMS Anne arrived on the coast of what is now
5 Savannah, and a company of settlers, under the command of James Edward Oglethorpe,
6 disembarked in an area known as Yamacraw Bluff, where their first official act was to kneel
7 and offer thanksgiving and prayer to God, then they immediately set up tents and began the
8 grand experiment which would become the colony and later the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, it is not merely important but imperative that all who now enjoy the results of
10 the hardship and labor of those early settlers set aside a day of remembrance and
11 thanksgiving for their sacrifices.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
15 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

16 "1-4-17.

17 The twelfth day of February in each year is declared to be 'Georgia Day,' as the anniversary
18 of the landing of the first colonists in Georgia under Oglethorpe."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.