

Senate Bill 69

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Brass of the 28th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a monument in honor of the
3 Honorable Clarence Thomas within the capitol building or grounds; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal,
8 and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

9 "ARTICLE 8

10 50-3-130.

11 (a) Subject to the availability of funds, there shall be placed within the capitol building or
12 grounds a monument honoring the Honorable Clarence Thomas.

13 (b)(1) Such monument shall be designed, procured, and placed by the Capitol Art
14 Standards Commission, subject to final approval by a monument committee composed
15 of the following members of the General Assembly:

16 (A) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
17 House of Representatives;

18 (B) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

19 (C) One member from each house of the General Assembly appointed by the
20 Governor.

21 (2) The monument committee established pursuant to this subsection shall stand
22 abolished upon placement of such monument.

23 (c) No public funds shall be expended for the design or procurement of such monument.
24 Gifts and donations from private individuals, organizations, or foundations shall be
25 accepted and expended by the Capitol Art Standards Commission to carry out the
26 requirements of this Code section.

27 (d) Such monument shall be procured and placed as soon as practicable but not before the
28 state has been granted any intellectual property license necessary for the purposes of this
29 Code section."

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SECTION 2.

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.