



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4087

by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Abolition of Confederate Symbols Act. Provides that no public body shall display the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, otherwise known as the "Confederate Flag", or any other similar image, on any public property or land in the State unless the flag or an image thereof appears in a book, digital medium, museum, or is used to serve any other educational or historical purpose. Provides that no public body shall sell the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, or any other object or property containing an image of the flag, unless the flag or an image thereof appears in a book, digital medium, museum, or is used to serve any other educational or historical purpose. Provides that no monument, memorial, or statue honoring the Confederate States of America or any soldier of the Confederacy shall be erected on public property or land in this State, or otherwise be erected using public funds. Provides that any monument, memorial, or statue honoring the Confederate States of America or any soldier of the Confederacy existing on public property or land as of the effective date of this Act shall be removed within a reasonable period of time thereafter. Defines terms.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Abolition of Confederate Symbols Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Public body" means the State of Illinois or any political
8 subdivision of the State, including any State agency, any unit
9 of local government, any public school district, or any public
10 university or community college.

11 "Public funds" means funds appropriated by the Illinois
12 General Assembly or by any political subdivision of the State,
13 including any State agency, any unit of local government, any
14 public school district, or any public university or community
15 college.

16 "Public property or land" means any building or land, or
17 portion thereof, and any other property owned, leased,
18 controlled, or rented by the State of Illinois, any State
19 agency, any unit of local government, any public school
20 district, or any public university or community college.

21 Section 10. Confederate flag display and sale; monuments.

22 (a) No public body shall display the Battle Flag of the

1 Confederacy, otherwise known as the "Confederate Flag", or any
2 other similar image, on any public property or land in the
3 State of Illinois unless the flag or an image thereof appears
4 in a book, digital medium, museum, or is used to serve any
5 other educational or historical purpose.

6 (b) No public body shall sell the Battle Flag of the
7 Confederacy, or any other object or property containing an
8 image of the flag, unless the flag or an image thereof appears
9 in a book, digital medium, museum, or is used to serve any
10 other educational or historical purpose.

11 (c) No monument, memorial, or statue honoring the
12 Confederate States of America or any soldier of the Confederacy
13 shall be erected on public property or land in the State of
14 Illinois, or otherwise be erected using public funds. Any
15 monument, memorial, or statue honoring the Confederate States
16 of America or any soldier of the Confederacy existing on public
17 property or land as of the effective date of this Act shall be
18 removed within a reasonable period of time thereafter.