

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 351

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STATE SYMBOL: Designates the song "Southern Nights" by Allen Toussaint as the official state cultural song

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:155.7, relative to state symbols; to designate "Southern Nights" by Allen
3 Toussaint as the official state cultural song; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 49:155.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §155.7. State song

7 There shall be, and is, hereby adopted and established as the official state
8 cultural song for the state of Louisiana, a musical composition, with lyrics and music
9 by Allen Toussaint of New Orleans, Louisiana, and entitled, "Southern Nights"; the
10 said lyrics reading as follows:

11 Southern nights

12 Have you ever felt a southern night?

13 Free as a breeze

14 Not to mention the trees

15 Whistling tunes that you know and love so

16 Southern nights

17 Just as good even when closed your eyes

18 I apologize

19 To any one who can truly say

20 That he's found a better way

1 Southern skies

2 Have you ever noticed southern skies?

3 It's precious beauty

4 Lies just beyond the eye

5 It goes running through the soul

6 Like the stories told of old

7 Old man

8 He and his dog that walk the old land

9 Every flower touched his cold hand

10 As he slowly walked by

11 Weeping willows would cry for joy

12 Joy

13 Feels so good

14 Feels so good it's frightening

15 Wish I could

16 Stop this world from fighting

17 La-da-da-da-da, da-la-da-da-da-da

18 Da-da-da-da-da-da, da-da-da, da-da-da

19 Mystery

20 Like this and many others

21 In the trees

22 Blow in the night

23 In the southern skies

24 Southern nights

25 They feel so good it's frightening

26 Wish I could

27 Stop this world from fighting

28 Da-da-da-da-da, da-da-da-da-da-da

29 Da-da-da-da-da-da, la-da-da, da-da-da-da, da-da-da-da-da-da...

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the official state cultural song entitled "Southern Nights" by Allen Toussaint.

Proposed law designates "Southern Nights", a musical composition with lyrics and music by Allen Toussaint, as the official state cultural song.

(Adds R.S. 49:155.7)