



HOUSE BILL 159: Adopt Official NC Dogwood Festival.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee: House State Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House **Date:** March 23, 2023

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 159 would adopt the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival as the official dogwood festival of the State of North Carolina.*

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 145 of the General Statutes adopts various State festivals including:

- G.S. 145-16. State Watermelon Festivals.
- G.S. 145-19. State International Festival.
- G.S. 145-27. State Collard Festival.
- G.S. 145-28. State food festival.
- G.S. 145-30. State potato festival.
- G.S. 145-33. State Shad Festival; Blue Monday Shad Fry.
- G.S. 145-34. State herring festival.
- G.S. 145-37. State Shrimp Festival.
- G.S. 145-39. State spring and fall livermush festivals.
- G.S. 145-40. State mullet festival.
- G.S. 145-47. State peanut festival.
- G.S. 145-50. North Carolina Outdoor Festival.
- G.S. 145-51. State Woolly Worm Festival.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 159 would adopt the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival as the official dogwood festival of North Carolina.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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