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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N   A C T**

**RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS**

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Donovan, Fellela, McNamara, Azzinaro, Speakman, Boylan, and Read

Date Introduced: January 14, 2026

Referred To: House Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1        SECTION 1. Chapter 42-4 of the General Laws entitled "State Emblems" is hereby

2        amended by adding thereto the following section:

3        **42-4-24. State music.**

4        The music genre of rhythm and blues is hereby designated as the state music. For purposes

5        of this section, rhythm and blues is defined as music which contains elements of pop, soul, funk,

6        hip-hop and electronic music.

7        SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This act would designate as the state music, the genre of rhythm and blues which contains
- 2        elements of pop, soul, funk, hip-hop, and electronic music.
- 3        This act would take effect upon passage.

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