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H.B. No. 2118

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of May 9 as Willie Velasquez Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.014. OPTIONAL HOLIDAY FOR WILLIE VELASQUEZ DAY.

(a) The 9th day of May shall be designated "Willie Velasquez Day" in observance of the birthday of William "Willie" Cardenas Velasquez.

(b) The administrative head of a state agency may allow an employee of the agency to have a day off with pay on Willie Velasquez Day in lieu of any other state holiday that occurs on a weekday, other than a weekday on which an election is held throughout the state, on which the state agency is required to be open but on which the operations of the agency are required to be maintained at only a minimum level.

(c) On Willie Velasquez Day, each state agency shall remain open and conduct the operations of the agency at a minimum level.

(d) A holiday allowed under this section is in lieu of another holiday prescribed by law. The total number of holidays in a year to which an employee of a state agency is entitled is not changed by this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.