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S.B. No. 138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.

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

SECTION 1. Section 662.003(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A state holiday includes only the following days:

(1) the 19th day of January, "Confederate Heroes Day," in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and other Confederate heroes;

(2) the second day of March, "Texas Independence Day";

(3) the 21st day of April, "San Jacinto Day";

(4) the 19th day of June, "Emancipation Day in Texas," in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas in 1865;

(5) the 27th day of August, "Lyndon Baines Johnson Day," in observance of the birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson;

(6) the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

(7) the 24th day of December; ~~and~~

(8) the 26th day of December; and

(9) every day on which an election, including a primary election, is held throughout the state.

SECTION 2. Section 662.021, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 662.021. DATES OF HOLIDAYS. A legal holiday includes

1 only the following days:

2 (1) a national holiday under Section 662.003(a); and

3 (2) a state holiday under Sections 662.003(b)(1)
4 through (6) or Section 662.003(b)(9).

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.