

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 2001
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2009; March 24, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 May 12, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5 Nays 0, 2 present not voting; May 12, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the designation of May 9 as Willie Velasquez Day.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
1-11 amended by adding Section 662.014 to read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 662.014. OPTIONAL HOLIDAY FOR WILLIE VELASQUEZ DAY.

1-13 (a) The 9th day of May shall be designated "Willie Velasquez Day"
1-14 in observance of the birthday of William "Willie" Cardenas
1-15 Velasquez.

1-16 (b) The administrative head of a state agency may allow an
1-17 employee of the agency to have a day off with pay on Willie
1-18 Velasquez Day in lieu of any other state holiday that occurs on a
1-19 weekday, other than a weekday on which an election is held
1-20 throughout the state, on which the state agency is required to be
1-21 open but on which the operations of the agency are required to be
1-22 maintained at only a minimum level.

1-23 (c) On Willie Velasquez Day, each state agency shall remain
1-24 open and conduct the operations of the agency at a minimum level.

1-25 (d) A holiday allowed under this section is in lieu of
1-26 another holiday prescribed by law. The total number of holidays in
1-27 a year to which an employee of a state agency is entitled is not
1-28 changed by this section.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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