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H.B. No. 505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to replacing "Cesar Chavez Day" with "Texas Hispanic Heritage Day" as an optional state holiday.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 662.013, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 662.013. OPTIONAL HOLIDAY FOR TEXAS HISPANIC HERITAGE [~~CESAR CHAVEZ~~] DAY.

SECTION 2. Sections 662.013(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The 16th [~~31st~~] day of September [~~March~~] shall be designated "Texas Hispanic Heritage [~~"Cesar Chavez~~] Day" in observance of the battle for independence from Spain in Mexico, including the area now known as Texas [~~the birthday of Cesar Chavez~~].

(b) The administrative head of a state agency may allow an employee of the agency to have a day off with pay on Texas Hispanic Heritage [~~Cesar Chavez~~] 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 Texas Hispanic Heritage [~~Cesar Chavez~~] Day, each state agency shall remain open and conduct the operations of the

1 agency at a minimum level.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.