

AN ACT

relating to the display of flags at half-staff at the Capitol building to honor service members killed in action.

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

SECTION 1. Section 443.024, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The flag of the State of Texas and the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the Capitol building on the death of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was a resident of this state and who was killed in action. The flags shall be displayed at half-staff for one day following the date the person's family is notified of the person's death. The office of the governor shall notify the State Preservation Board of the days on which flags shall be flown at half-staff under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 150 was passed by the House on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 150 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor