BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2698 By: Neave Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the service of women veterans is not adequately commemorated. C.S.H.B. 2698 seeks to address this issue by designating June 12 as Women Veterans Day.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2698 amends the Government Code to designate June 12 as Women Veterans Day in recognition of the role of women in the military forces and to commemorate the sacrifices of and valor displayed by Texas women veterans. The bill requires Women Veterans Day to be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2698 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended.	SECTION 1. Same as introduced version.
SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.	SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-

immediately if it receives a vote of twothirds 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

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effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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