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By:  Fierro H.B. No. 66

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 only the following days:

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

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

SECTION 3.  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, 2021.