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By:  Thierry H.B. No. 219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to abolishing Confederate Heroes Day.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1.006(f)(2), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2)  "State holiday" means a state holiday under Sections 662.003(b)(1) through (5) [~~(6)~~], Government Code.

SECTION 2.  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";

(2) [~~(3)~~]  the 21st day of April, "San Jacinto Day";

(3) [~~(4)~~]  the 19th day of June, "Emancipation Day in Texas," in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas in 1865;

(4) [~~(5)~~]  the 27th day of August, "Lyndon Baines Johnson Day," in observance of the birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson;

(5) [~~(6)~~]  the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

(6) [~~(7)~~]  the 24th day of December; and

(7) [~~(8)~~]  the 26th day of December.

SECTION 3.  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 (5) [~~(6)~~].

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.