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By:  Sherman, Sr. H.B. No. 596

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)  the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an even-numbered year.

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 September 1, 2021.