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H.B. No. 66

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the designation of certain election days as state
3 holidays.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 662.003(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) A state holiday includes only the following days:

8 (1) the 19th day of January, "Confederate Heroes Day,"
9 in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and other Confederate
10 heroes;

11 (2) the second day of March, "Texas Independence Day";

12 (3) the 21st day of April, "San Jacinto Day";

13 (4) the 19th day of June, "Emancipation Day in Texas,"
14 in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas in 1865;

15 (5) the 27th day of August, "Lyndon Baines Johnson
16 Day," in observance of the birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson;

17 (6) the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

18 (7) the 24th day of December; ~~and~~

19 (8) the 26th day of December; and

20 (9) every day on which an election, including a
21 primary election, is held throughout the state.

22 SECTION 2. Section 662.021, Government Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 662.021. DATES OF HOLIDAYS. A legal holiday includes

1 only the following days:

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

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

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.