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H.B. No. 1198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation of Sam Houston Day as a state holiday.

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

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

6 (2) "State holiday" means a state holiday under  
7 Sections 662.003(b)(1) through (7) [~~(6)~~], Government Code.

8 SECTION 2. Section 662.003(b), Government Code, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (5) the 26th day of July, "Sam Houston Day," in honor  
19 of one of this state's greatest heroes;

20 (6) [~~(5)~~] the 27th day of August, "Lyndon Baines  
21 Johnson Day," in observance of the birthday of Lyndon Baines  
22 Johnson;

23 (7) [~~(6)~~] the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

24 (8) [~~(7)~~] the 24th day of December; and

1           (9) [~~(8)~~] the 26th day of December.

2           SECTION 3. Section 662.021, Government Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4           Sec. 662.021. DATES OF HOLIDAYS. A legal holiday includes  
5 only the following days:

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

7                   (2) a state holiday under Sections 662.003(b)(1)  
8 through (7) [~~(6)~~].

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