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H.B. No. 51

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) [~~(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.

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

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

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

6 (2) a state holiday under Sections 662.003(b)(1)
7 through (5) [~~(6)~~].

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.