

By: Morales of Harris

H.B. No. 3531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the designation of Women's Equality Day as a state
3 holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (5) the 26th day of August, "Women's Equality Day";

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

22 (7) [~~(6)~~] the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

23 (8) [~~(7)~~] the 24th day of December; and

24 (9) [~~(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 (7) [~~(6)~~].

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.