



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 320

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House Bill No. 5493

House of Representatives, April 4, 2002

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivision (47) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (47) The Governor shall proclaim the Saturday that is closest
4 to June nineteenth of each year to be Juneteenth Independence Day in
5 recognition of the formal emancipation of enslaved African-Americans
6 pursuant to General Order No. 3 of June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas.
7 Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as
8 the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

This act shall take effect as follows:

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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> |
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Fund-Type | Agency Affected |
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| GF - None | Governor's Off.; Secretary of the State |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill will result in no cost to the state, as the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Secretary of the State will be able to meet the requirements of the bill within existing budgetary resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the governor to proclaim the Saturday that is the closest to June 19 of each year as Juneteenth Independence Day in recognition of the formal emancipation of enslaved African-Americans by General Order No. 3 issued in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. It requires suitable exercises and observances at the State Capitol and other locations that the governor designates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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