



General Assembly

***Raised Bill No. 5493***

*February Session, 2002*

LCO No. 1284

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***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:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To designate the Saturday closest to June nineteenth as Juneteenth Independence Day in recognition of the formal emancipation of

enslaved African-Americans pursuant to General Order No. 3 of June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*