

Subject Juneteenth
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Summary

This bill establishes Juneteenth, June 19, as a state-recognized holiday. June 19 is the date on which slavery is generally understood to have been fully abolished in the United States, following the first public reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas on June 19, 1865.

In general, public business may not be conducted on a state holiday.

Current law recognizes Juneteenth as an official state observance on the Third Saturday in June, including a requirement that the governor issue a proclamation honoring the observance; standards for that recognition are not changed by this bill.

A law establishing Juneteenth as a federally-recognized holiday was enacted in 2021.