

**CHAPTER 137**

**S.B. No. 150**

An Act relating to the declaration of Texas Sesquicentennial Day as a holiday; adding Article 4591.1 to Title 72, Revised Statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Title 72, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 4591.1 to read as follows:

**“Article 4591.1. TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL DAY**

**“Section 1. DEFINITION.** In this article, ‘state agency’ means:

“(1) a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003 of the Education Code, but not including a special-purpose district or authority;

“(2) the legislature or a legislative agency; or

“(3) the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, a court of appeals, or the State Bar of Texas or another judicial agency having statewide jurisdiction.

**“Section 2. DECLARATION OF HOLIDAY.** April 21, 1986 (San Jacinto Day), is declared to be Texas Sesquicentennial Day in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the state’s birth as an independent republic.

**“Section 3. OFFICES AND CLASSROOMS CLOSED; EMPLOYEE TIME OFF.** (a) The governing body or officer of a state agency or a public school district shall close the offices and classrooms of the state agency or school district on Texas Sesquicentennial Day.

“(b) Each officer and employee of the state agency or public school district is entitled to a day off with pay on the holiday.

**“Section 4. EXCEPTION.** (a) If the governing body or officer of a state agency or public school district determines that the nature of an officer’s or employee’s work makes it imperative that the work be performed on the holiday, the governing body or officer may require the officer or employee to work on the holiday.

“(b) If the governing body or officer requires an officer or employee to work on the holiday, the governing body or officer shall determine the extent to which the state agency’s or school district’s offices or classrooms are to be opened on the holiday.

**“Section 5. COMPENSATORY TIME.** If an officer or employee of a state agency or public school district is required to work on the holiday and if the officer or employee does work on that day, the officer or employee is entitled to compensatory time off with pay before April 21, 1987. The governing body or officer of the state agency or school district shall establish the procedure by which the officer or employee takes the compensatory time off.

**“Section 6. EXPIRATION.** This article expires on April 21, 1987.”

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on January 30, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 16, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: May 24, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985