

CHAPTER 159

S.B. No. 485

AN ACT

relating to the declaration of the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., as a legal holiday.

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

SECTION 1. Title 72, Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended by adding Article 4591.4 to read as follows:

Art. 4591.4. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY. (a) The third Monday in January is designated "Martin Luther King, Jr., Day" in observance of the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

(b) The administrative head of a state agency may allow an employee of the agency to have a day off with pay on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in lieu of any other state holiday that occurs on a weekday, other than a weekday on which an election is held throughout the state, and on which the state agency is required to be open but whose operations are required to be maintained only at a minimum level.

(c) On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, each state agency shall remain open and shall conduct the operations of the agency at a minimum level.

(d) A holiday allowed under this article is in lieu of another holiday prescribed by law. The total number of holidays in a year to which an employee of a state agency is entitled is not changed by this article.

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 May 1, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 14, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 25, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.