

**GOVERNMENT CODE**  
**TITLE 5. OPEN GOVERNMENT; ETHICS**  
**SUBTITLE A. OPEN GOVERNMENT**  
**CHAPTER 552. PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Sec. 552.0031. BUSINESS DAYS.

(a) Except as provided by this section, in this chapter "business day" means a day other than:

- (1) a Saturday or Sunday;
- (2) a national holiday under Section [662.003\(a\)](#); or
- (3) a state holiday under Section [662.003\(b\)](#).

(b) The fact that an employee works from an alternative work site does not affect whether a day is considered a business day under this chapter.

(c) An optional holiday under Section [662.003\(c\)](#) is not a business day of a governmental body if the officer for public information of the governmental body observes the optional holiday.

(d) A holiday established by the governing body of an institution of higher education under Section [662.011\(a\)](#) is not a business day of the institution of higher education.

(e) The Friday before or Monday after a holiday described by Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is not a business day of a governmental body if the holiday occurs on a Saturday or Sunday and the governmental body observes the holiday on that Friday or Monday.

(f) Subject to the requirements of this subsection, a governmental body may designate a day on which the governmental body's administrative offices are closed or operating with minimum staffing as a nonbusiness day. The designation of a nonbusiness day for an independent school district must be made by the board of trustees. The designation of a nonbusiness day for a governmental body other than an independent school district must be made by the executive director or other chief administrative officer. A governmental body may designate not more than 10 nonbusiness days under this subsection each calendar year.

---

Sec. 662.003. DATES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF HOLIDAYS.

(a) A national holiday includes only the following days:

- (1) the first day of January, "New Year's Day";
- (2) the third Monday in January, "Martin Luther King, Jr., Day" in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;
- (3) the third Monday in February, "Presidents' Day";
- (4) the last Monday in May, "Memorial Day";
- (5) the fourth day of July, "Independence Day";
- (6) the first Monday in September, "Labor Day";
- (7) the 11th day of November, "Veterans Day," dedicated to the cause of world peace and to honoring the veterans of all wars in which Texans and other Americans have fought;

- (8) the fourth Thursday in November, "Thanksgiving Day"; and
- (9) the 25th day of December, "Christmas Day."

(b) A state holiday includes only the following days:

- (1) the 19th day of January, "Confederate Heroes Day," in honor of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and other Confederate heroes;
- (2) the second day of March, "Texas Independence Day";
- (3) the 21st day of April, "San Jacinto Day";
- (4) the 19th day of June, "Emancipation Day in Texas," in honor of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas in 1865;
- (5) the 27th day of August, "Lyndon Baines Johnson Day," in observance of the birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson;
- (6) the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;
- (7) the 24th day of December; and
- (8) the 26th day of December.

(c) An "optional holiday" includes only the days on which Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Good Friday falls.