

**House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to HB1626**

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Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1829**

**House Bill No. 1626\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

June 19 of each year shall be observed as "Juneteenth," to be proclaimed as such by the governor, to honor and recognize the celebration of the action of Major General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, who on June 19, 1865, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect, announced to the people of Texas, which was the last territory to receive news of the proclamation due to its geographic and strategic isolation, that "all slaves are free." June 19th has been celebrated and recognized in African-American communities as "Juneteenth" for more than a century. This day shall not be a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.