

SUBJECT: Prohibiting the Legislature from meeting on MLK's birthday

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Wolens, S. Turner, Bailey, Brimer, Counts, Danburg, Hilbert, Hunter, Longoria, McCall, Merritt

0 nays

4 absent — Alvarado, Craddick, D. Jones, Marchant

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: Current law does not prohibit the Legislature from meeting on legal holidays. Generally speaking, the Legislature meets in regular session on six legal holidays, including Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Confederate Heroes Day, Presidents' Day, Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day, and Memorial Day.

DIGEST: HB 3552 would prohibit the Legislature from meeting on the legal holiday for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house.