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HOUSE BILL NO. 26

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BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOLIDAYS: Provides relative to legal holidays in recognition of the Washington Parish Free Fair

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(A)(3), relative to legal holidays; to provide relative to 3 clerks of court holidays; to extend the legal holiday of the Washington Parish Free 4 Fair; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 1:55(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §55. Days of public rest, legal holidays, and half-holidays 8 A. The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays and 9 half-holidays: 10 11 (3) In the parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. 12 Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, St. Tammany, 13 Iberia, St. Martin, Ascension, Washington, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry, 14 Evangeline, Cameron, Assumption, St. Mary, Acadia, Vermilion, Iberville, Pointe 15 Coupee, West Baton Rouge, Lafourche, East Feliciana, and West Feliciana, and in 16 all municipalities, Mardi Gras shall be a holiday when the governing authorities so 17 declare by ordinance. The school boards of the parishes of Acadia and Lafayette may declare Mardi Gras and the International Rice Festival in Crowley a holiday for 18 19 public school children of those parishes. In the parish of Washington, the Friday of 20 the Washington Parish Free Fair shall be a legal holiday for the purpose of

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authorizing the clerk of court for the parish of Washington to close his office on that

day: whole of Wednesday, the whole of Thursday, and Friday of the Washington

Parish Free Fair shall be a legal holiday for the purpose of authorizing the clerk of

court for the parish of Washington to close his office on those days.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Extends the legal holiday of the Washington Parish Free Fair.

<u>Present law</u> declares the Friday of the Washington Parish Free Fair to be a legal holiday for the purpose of authorizing the clerk of court for Washington Parish to close his office on that day.

<u>Proposed law</u> extends the legal holiday of the Washington Parish Free Fair to include the whole of Wednesday and the whole of Thursday.

(Amends R.S. 1:55(A)(3))