

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that there is no day designated to honor the service and bravery of current firefighters, or the memory of those who have lost their lives performing this courageous service. Further, these parties note that should such a day exist, the date chosen should be linked to the day of the patron saint for firefighters, St. Florian. St. Florian was the first known commander of a firefighting squad in the Roman Empire. May 4 marks a "Day of Fire Service" for most European countries and is recognized as St. Florian's Day worldwide.

H.B. 1064 would designate May 4th as Texas Firefighter Day.

H.B. 1064 amends current law relating to designating May 4 as Texas Firefighters Day.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.071, as follows:

Sec. 662.071. TEXAS FIREFIGHTERS DAY. (a) Provides that May 4 is Texas Firefighters Day in honor of the bravery, determination, and service of Texas firefighters, many of whom are volunteers.

(b) Authorizes Texas Firefighters Day to be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.