

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

On December 1, 1955, by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks took one of the first public steps that led to the desegregation of public accommodations throughout the nation. Rosa Parks' actions became the foundation for equal rights for all Americans and led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. While some people currently observe December 1 as Rosa Parks Day, there have been calls to officially observe the date across the entire state. H.B. 3481 seeks to address this issue by designating December 1 as Rosa Parks Day in Texas.

H.B. 3481 amends current law relating to designating December 1 as Rosa Parks 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 662.084, as follows:

Sec. 662.084. ROSA PARKS DAY. (a) Provides that December 1 is Rosa Parks Day in honor of Rosa Louise McCauley Parks for her courageous act of refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus to protest segregation which helped launch the civil rights movement in the United States.

(b) Authorizes Rosa Parks Day to be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.