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## DIGEST

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HB 61 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Bayham

**Abstract:** Provides for the Battle of New Orleans Day.

Present law provides for days of public rest and legal holidays including George Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day.

Proposed law retains present law with regard to Washington's Birthday but deletes all references to Presidents' Day.

Proposed law designates Jan. 8th as the Battle of New Orleans Day to honor those who served in this historic battle where American forces represented by volunteers from numerous military backgrounds scored a stunning victory over Great Britain in the War of 1812.

Proposed law permits the governor or local governing authority to declare the Battle of New Orleans a holiday.

(Amends R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (7), (B)(2), (D), and (E)(1)(a)(i); Adds R.S. 1:58.10)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Delete references to Presidents' Day as a day of public rest and legal holiday.
2. Specify the volunteers and other militia that assisted the U.S. in its victory over Great Britain in the War of 1812.
3. Permit the governor or local governing authority to declare the Battle of New Orleans Day a holiday.