



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 71

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Bolin**

1 **An Act to designate Juneteenth as a working holiday.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **1-5-18. Juneteenth.**

5 The nineteenth day of June, to be known as Juneteenth, shall be observed in this
6 state as a working holiday. Juneteenth is recognized due to the fact that on June 19, 1865,
7 the slaves in Texas, a geographically remote region of the confederacy, were officially
8 informed by units of the United States military that the Civil War was over, that slavery
9 in the United States had been abolished, and that the slaves were now free persons.