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### **An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday**

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A,  
3 §2, is amended to read:

4 Court may not be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving;  
5 New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the 3rd Monday in January;  
6 Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in  
7 April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if the Federal Government designates  
8 May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of May; Juneteenth, June  
9 19th; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Indigenous Peoples Day,  
10 the 2nd Monday in October; the day of the general election, as defined in Title 21-A, section  
11 1, subsection 19; Veterans Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day. The Chief Justice  
12 of the Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held on a legal holiday when the  
13 Chief Justice finds that the interests of justice and judicial economy in any particular case  
14 will be served. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the  
15 holidays named in this section. When any one of the holidays named in this section falls  
16 on Sunday, the Monday following must be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges  
17 applying to any of the days named in this section.

18 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §60** is enacted to read:

19 **§60. General election day established as state holiday**

20 The day of the general election, as defined in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 19, is a  
21 state holiday. All nonessential state offices must be closed on the day of the general  
22 election.

23 **Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶I-1** is enacted to read:

24 I-1. The day of the general election, as defined in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 19;

25 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

26 E-1. The day of the general election, as defined in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection  
27 19;

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill designates the day of the general election, which is the day of the regular  
30 election of state and county officials occurring biennially in November, as a state holiday.