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An Act to Recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as State Holidays

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Presented by Representative ABDI of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham, DEBRITO of Waterville,
DHALAC of South Portland, MACIAS of Topsham, MCCABE of Lewiston, MONTELL of
Gardiner, RANA of Bangor, SATO of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt.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

4 **§1051. Legal holidays**

5 Court may not be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving;
6 Eid al-Fitr, as designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 60; Eid al-Adha, as
7 designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 61; New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin
8 Luther King, Jr., Day, the 3rd Monday in January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday
9 in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in
10 May, but if the Federal Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of
11 Memorial Day, the 30th of May; Juneteenth, June 19th; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first
12 Monday of September; Indigenous Peoples Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans
13 Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial
14 Court may order that court be held on a legal holiday when the Chief Justice finds that the
15 interests of justice and judicial economy in any particular case will be served. The public
16 offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the holidays named in this section.
17 When any one of the holidays named in this section falls on Sunday, the Monday following
18 must be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days named in
19 this section.

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

21 **§60. Eid al-Fitr established as state holiday**

22 Eid al-Fitr is established as a state holiday. All nonessential state offices must be closed
23 on Eid al-Fitr. The Governor shall designate each year the specific date of the state holiday
24 under this section.

25 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §61** is enacted to read:

26 **§61. Eid al-Adha established as state holiday**

27 Eid al-Adha is established as a state holiday. All nonessential state offices must be
28 closed on Eid al-Adha. The Governor shall designate each year the specific date of the
29 state holiday under this section.

30 **Sec. 4. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

31 A-1. Eid al-Fitr, as designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 60;

32 **Sec. 5. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶A-2** is enacted to read:

33 A-2. Eid al-Adha, as designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 61;

34 **Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶H**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 787, §5, is
35 further amended to read:

36 H. Christmas Day, December 25th; and

37 **Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 787, §6, is
38 amended to read:

39 I. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the 3rd Monday in January;

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Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. Eid al-Fitr, as designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 60; and

Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. Eid al-Adha, as designated by the Governor under Title 5, section 61.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as state holidays and requires the Governor to designate each year the specific date of each holiday.