

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 109

In Senate, Jan. 28, 1913.

Presented by Senator Walker of Somerset, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a Committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

AN ACT to amend section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of
the Revised Statutes as amended relating to school holidays.

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

Section 1. Section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of the
2 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter forty-eight of the
3 Public Laws of nineteen hundred five as amended by chap-
4 ter forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred
5 seven as amended by chapter one hundred ninety of the
6 Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by chap-
7 ter twenty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred
8 eleven is hereby further amended by striking out the words

9 "New Years day, January one" in the second line thereof
10 and by striking out the words "on the days above men-
11 tioned" in the thirteenth line thereof and by striking out
12 the words "upon those days" in the fourteenth line thereof
13 and substituting in place thereof the words 'on any of the
14 following days: Memorial day, May thirty; Independence
15 day, July four; Christmas day, December twenty-five;
16 Thanksgiving day, as appointed by the governor and coun-
17 cil,' and by striking out all of said section after the word
18 "named" in the seventeenth line thereof and substituting
19 in place thereof the following: 'In addition to the foregoing
20 each of the days hereinafter named shall be observed by
21 teachers and pupils of the public schools by an exercise
22 appropriate thereto, such exercise to be held during such
23 part of the school session as the teacher of each school may
24 designate. The exercises so held shall aim to impress on
25 the minds of the youth the important lessons of character
26 and good citizenship to be learned from the lives of Ameri-
27 can leaders and heroes and from a contemplation of their
28 own duties and obligations to the community, state and
29 nation of which they constitute a part. The days thus des-
30 ignated for school observance shall be as follows: Lincoln
31 day, February twelve; Washington's birthday, February
32 twenty-two; Patriot's day, April nineteen; Labor day, the
33 first Monday of September; Columbus day, October twelve;
34 Arbor day, as appointed by the governor and council,' so
35 that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Sect. 88. The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Washington's birthday, February twenty-two; Patriots' day, April nineteen; Memorial day, May thirty; Independence day, July four; Labor day, first Monday in September; Columbus day, October twelve; Christmas day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving and Arbor days as appointed by the governor and council. Provided, however, that Arbor day shall not be recognized as a school holiday unless observed by teacher and pupils for the purpose for which it is designated by the governor and council. All teachers of public schools in the state may close their schools and draw pay the same as if their schools had been in session on any of the following days: Memorial day, May thirty; Independence day, July four; Christmas day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving day, as appointed by the governor and council. When any one of the above named holidays falls on a Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a school holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days above named. In addition to the foregoing each of the days hereinafter named shall be observed by teachers and pupils of the public schools by an exercise appropriate thereto, such exercise to be held during such part of the school session as the teacher of each school may designate. The exercises so held shall aim to impress on the minds of the youth the important lessons of character and good citizenship to be learned from the lives of American leaders and heroes and from a contemplation

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