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Observance of Columbus Day - effective date

This will respond to your memorandum dated July 18, 1973, regarding the matter referred to above.

Chapter 578, P.L. 1972 amended 9 M.R.S.A. § 131 to include Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October, as a holiday, and that Act became effective February 14, 1972. The Acts referred to in your memo, namely, Chapter 114, P.L. 1973 and Chapter 625, § 286, P.L. 1973, did not disturb the previous amendment relating to Columbus Day, but relate only to Veterans Day.

In short, the observance of Columbus Day as a bank holiday on the 2nd Monday in October became effective February 14, 1972, and the observance of Veterans Day on November 11th will become effective January 1, 1974. With respect to the observance of Columbus Day as a court holiday and as a school holiday, see Chapter 328, P.L. 1973, approved May 9, 1973 (3 Maine Legislative Service, p. 376).

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