

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Mills of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Designating Monday for the Celebration of Certain Holidays.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 1051, amended. Section 1051 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1051. Legal holidays

No court shall be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; or for the choice of presidential electors; New Year's Day, January 1st; Washington's Birthday, ~~February 22nd~~ **4th Monday in February**; the ~~19th day of April~~ **3rd Monday in April**; the ~~30th day of May~~ **last Monday in May**; the ~~4th of July~~ **first Monday in July**; the first Monday of September; the day of the state-wide primary election; the day of the state election; the day of any special state-wide election; Veterans Day, ~~November 11th~~ **2nd Monday in November**; or on Christmas Day; and when the time fixed for a term of court falls on any of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term for all purposes. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the above-named holidays. ~~When any one of the above named holidays falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days above named.~~ **If New Year's Day or Christmas Day falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a holiday.**

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 9, § 131, amended. Section 131 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes as amended is further amended to read as follows:

§ 131. Dates established

Any day of public thanksgiving, mourning or disaster, proclaimed or appointed by the Governor or by the President of the United States, the first day of January, the ~~22nd day of February~~ **4th Monday in February**, the ~~19th day of April~~ **3rd Monday of April**, the ~~30th day of May~~ **last Monday of May**, the ~~4th day of July~~ **first Monday of July**, the first Monday of September, Veterans Day, ~~November 11th~~ **the 2nd Monday of November**, and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays. If a bank holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed a bank holiday for the purposes of this Title. Any financial institution or credit union under the supervision of the Department of Banks and Banking may close for part of any business day for good cause on permission of the Bank Commissioner. Any such institution or credit union may close on permission of the commissioner when federal banking institutions are permitted to close.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 801, amended. The first 6 sentences of section 801 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, are further amended to read as follows:

The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Patriot's day, ~~April 19th~~ **3rd Monday in April**; Memorial Day, ~~May 30th~~ **last Monday in May**; Independence Day, ~~July 4th~~ **first Monday in July**; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Veterans Day, ~~November 11th~~ **2nd Monday in November**; Christmas Day, December 25th; Thanksgiving and Arbor Day, as appointed by the Governor. 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. Lincoln Day shall be observed by devoting some part of the day to the study of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. All teachers of public schools in the State shall close their schools on the above-named days. ~~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, New Year's Day, January 1st; Washington's Birthday, ~~February 22nd~~ **4th Monday in February**; Columbus Day, ~~October 12th~~ **second Monday in October**, shall, upon vote of the school committee or school directors of any administrative unit, be observed by teachers and pupils of the public schools of said administrative unit 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.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 25, § 1279, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 1279 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No person shall be arrested in a civil action, on mesne process, or execution, or on a warrant for taxes, on the day of annual Thanksgiving, the ~~19th day of April~~ **3rd Monday of April**, the ~~30th day of May~~ **last Monday of May**, the ~~4th day of July~~ **first Monday in July**, the first Monday of September, Veterans Day, ~~November 11th~~ **2nd Monday of November**, or Christmas.