

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bernard of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Reestablish the Observance of Memorial Day on May 30th and
Veterans Day on November 11th.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 1051, amended. The first sentence of section 1051 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 236 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

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, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, ~~the last Monday in the 30th day of May~~; the 4th of July; Labor Day, 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, ~~the 4th Monday in October~~ **November 11th**; 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.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 9, § 131, amended. The first sentence of section 131 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 323 of the public laws of 1965 and by section 2 of chapter 236 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

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, Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February, Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April, Memorial Day, ~~the last Monday in the~~

30th day of May, the 4th day of July, Labor Day, the first Monday of September, Veterans Day, ~~the 4th Monday in October~~ November 11th, and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 17, § 3204, amended. The first paragraph of section 3204 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 236 and section 24-A of chapter 504 both of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

No person, firm or corporation shall, on the Lord's Day, Memorial Day, ~~the last Monday of May~~ May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, the first Monday of September, November 11th, Veterans Day, ~~the 4th Monday of October~~ Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Governor, keep open a place of business to the public except for works of necessity, emergency or charity.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 20, § 801, amended. The first sentence of section 801 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 236 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, ~~the last Monday in May~~ May 30th; Independence Day, July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; Veterans Day, ~~the 4th Monday in October~~ November 11th; Christmas Day, December 25th; Thanksgiving and Arbor Day, as appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 25, § 1279, amended. The first sentence of the last paragraph of section 1279 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 236 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Veterans of our nation have fought unselfishly to preserve the freedom of the individual; not government by police state; not government by the privileged; not government by the elite. Veterans Day and Memorial Day are 2 holidays which recognize and honor our veterans and much of their significance is made up by the history and tradition of the dates on which they have been observed for many years. The dates of these 2 holidays should revert to their original dates as a token of respect for our Maine veterans.