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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 13, 1975

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville. (By request).

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Court, Bank and School Holidays.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 1051, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 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; Patriot's Day, April 19th; Memorial Day, May 30th; 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; Columbus Day, October 12th; Veterans Day, 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. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the above-named holidays.

Sec. 2. 9 MRSA § 131, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 114, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

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, February 22nd; Patriot's Day, April 19th; Memorial Day, May 30th; the 4th day of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Day, October 12th; Veterans Day, November 11th; and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 801, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 74, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Patriot's Day, April 19th; Memorial Day, May 30th; Independence Day, July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; Columbus Day, October 12th; Veterans Day, November 11th; Christmas Day, December 25th; Thanksgiving and Arbor Day, as appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 801, 5th sentence is repealed:

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 801, 6th sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 236, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

In addition to the foregoing, New Year's Day, January 1st and Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act returns certain court, bank and school holidays to their original dates, and repeals provisions in the statutes which provide that designated holidays falling on a Sunday are to be observed on the following Monday.