

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 549

H. P. 442

House of Representatives, February 17, 1977

On motion of Mr. Curran of South Portland, referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and 2,000 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook
Cosponsor: Mr. Carroll of Limerick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for the Observance of Memorial Day on May 30th.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 1051, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 3-G, is further amended to read:

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 May, but if the United States Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day or in 1985, whichever occurs first in time~~ the 30th 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; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; 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.

Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA § 141, sub-§ 1, 1st sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 623, § 6-A, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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 30th of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Day, the

2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA § 3204, 1st ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 18-G, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

No person, firm or corporation shall, on the Lord's Day; Memorial Day, the 30th of May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Veteran's Day, November 11th; 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish May 30th as Memorial Day.