

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 64

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7 S.P. 48

In Senate, January 15, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

9 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

10 Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative Drinkwater of Belfast and Representative Foster of Ellsworth.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Holidays on which
18 Courts must Close.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 4 MRSA §1051, as amended by PL 1981, c. 202, is
23 further amended to read:

24 §1051. Legal holidays

25 No court may be held on Sunday or any day desig-
26 nated for the annual Thanksgiving; ~~or for the choice~~
27 ~~of Presidential Electors~~; New Year's Day, January
28 1st; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in Febru-
29 ary; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial
30 Day, the last Monday in May, but if the United States
31 Government designates May 30th as the date for ob-
32 servance of Memorial Day or in 1985, whichever occurs
33 first in time, the 30th of May; the 4th of July; La-
34 bor Day, the first Monday of September; ~~the day of a~~

1 statewide primary, general election; Columbus Day,
2 the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November
3 11th; or on Christmas Day. The Chief Justice of the
4 Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held
5 on a legal holiday when he finds that the interests
6 of justice and judicial economy in any particular
7 case will be served. The public offices in county
8 buildings may be closed to business on the above-
9 named holidays. When any one of the above-named holi-
10 days falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be
11 observed as a holiday, with all the privileges apply-
12 ing to any of the days above named. When any of these
13 holidays falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday
14 shall be observed as a holiday, with all the privi-
15 leges applying to any of the named days.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

17 The purpose of this bill is to permit our state
18 courts to remain open on days on which there is a
19 statewide primary or general election, and to clarify
20 the day on which observance of a holiday falling on a
21 Saturday is held.

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