

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. 324

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7 S.P. 109

In Senate, January 31, 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 Carpenter of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative Kane of So. Portland and Senator
Chalmers of Knox.

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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 to Permit State Courts to Remain
18 Open on the Day of a Statewide Primary or
19 General Election.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

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

25 §1051. Legal holidays

26 No court may be held on Sunday or any day design-
27 nated for the annual Thanksgiving; ~~or for the choice~~
28 ~~of Presidential Electors~~; New Year's Day, January
29 1st; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in Febru-
30 ary; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial
31 Day, the last Monday in May, but if the United States
32 Government designates May 30th as the date for ob-
33 servance of Memorial Day or in 1985, whichever occurs
34 first in time, the 30th of May; the 4th of July; La-
35 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.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The purpose of this bill is to permit our state
15 courts to remain open on days on which there is a
16 statewide primary or general election.

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