

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 132  
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7 S.P. 65

In Senate, January 28, 1987  
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9 Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government  
suggested and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN  
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17 AN ACT to Establish New Year's Day as a State  
18 Holiday.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051, as repealed and replaced  
23 by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. A, §1, is 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; New Year's Day,  
27 January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day, the 3rd  
28 Monday in January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd  
29 Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in  
30 April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if  
31 the Federal Government designates May 30th as the  
32 date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of May;

1 the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of Sep-  
2 tember; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Vet-  
3 erans' Day, November 11th; ~~or on~~ Christmas Day; or on  
4 New Year's Day. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Ju-  
5 dicial Court may order that court be held on a legal  
6 holiday when he finds that the interests of justice  
7 and judicial economy in any particular case will be  
8 served. The public offices in county buildings may be  
9 closed to business on the holidays named in this sec-  
10 tion. When any one of the holidays named in this sec-  
11 tion falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be  
12 observed as a holiday, with all the privileges apply-  
13 ing to any of the days named in this section.

14 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §3204, first ¶, as amended by PL  
15 1985, c. 509, is further amended to read:

16 No person, firm or corporation may, on the Lord's  
17 Day except between the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m. on  
18 those Sundays falling between Thanksgiving Day and  
19 Christmas Day; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May,  
20 but if the Federal Government designates May 30th as  
21 the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of  
22 May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of Septem-  
23 ber; Veterans' Day, November 11th; Christmas Day, New  
24 Year's Day and Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the  
25 Governor, keep open a place of business to the pub-  
26 lic, except for works of necessity, emergency or  
27 charity.

28 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended  
29 by PL 1985, c. 787, §5, is further amended to read:

30 H. Christmas Day, December 25th; and

31 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted  
32 by PL 1985, c. 787, §6, is amended to read:

33 I. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the 3rd Monday  
34 in January; and

35 Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted  
36 to read:

37 J. New Year's Day, January 1st.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to designate New  
Year's Day as a state holiday.

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