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An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative EDER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

§1051. Legal holidays

No court may be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the 3rd Monday in January; 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 Federal Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November; Veterans' Day, November 11th; or ~~ea~~ Christmas Day. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held on a legal holiday when ~~he~~ the Chief Justice finds that the interests of justice and judicial economy in any particular case will be served. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the holidays named in this section. When any one of the holidays named in this section falls on Sunday, the Monday following ~~shall~~ must be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days named in this section.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §57 is enacted to read:

§57. Election Day established as state holiday

Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, is a state holiday. All nonessential state offices must be closed on Election Day.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November;

SUMMARY

This bill establishes Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, as a state holiday and requires that public schools and nonessential state offices be closed.