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H.P. 560

House of Representatives, March 1, 2011

An Act To Establish Juneteenth Independence Day

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARLOW of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BELIVEAU of Kittery, CHIPMAN of
Portland, CLARKE of Bath, DILL of Old Town, HARVELL of Farmington, HERBIG of
Belfast, HINCK of Portland, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, LUCHINI
of Ellsworth, MacDONALD of Boothbay, RANKIN of Hiram, ROCHELO of Biddeford,
SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-F** is enacted to read:

3 **§150-F. Juneteenth Independence Day**

4 The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation designating the 3rd Saturday in
5 June as Juneteenth Independence Day to commemorate the day freedom was proclaimed
6 to all slaves in the South by Union General Gordon Granger in 1865, 2 1/2 years after the
7 Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill establishes the 3rd Saturday in June as Juneteenth Independence Day to
10 commemorate the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the South.