

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 253

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

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AN ACT to abolish Fast Day and create Patriot's Day.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Section 1. Section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of the  
2 Revised Statutes of 1903, as amended by section fourteen of  
3 chapter forty-eight of the Public Laws of 1905, is hereby  
4 amended by striking out the word "Fast" where it occurs in  
5 said section, and inserting between the words "twenty-two"  
6 and "Memorial" in the third line of said section, 'Patriot's  
7 Day, April nineteen;' so that said section eighty-eight, as  
8 amended, shall read as follows :

'Sect. 88. The following days shall be observed as school  
10 holidays, namely : New Year's day, January one ; Washing-

11 ton's birthday, February twenty-two; Patriot's day, April  
12 nineteen; Memorial day, May thirty; Independence day,  
13 July four; Labor day, first Monday in September; Christmas  
14 day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving and Arbor days,  
15 as appointed by the governor and council. Provided, how-  
16 ever, that Arbor day shall not be recognized as a school holi-  
17 day, unless observed by teacher and pupils for the purpose  
18 of which it is designated by the governor and council. All  
19 teachers of public schools in the state may close their schools  
20 on the days above mentioned and draw pay the same as if  
21 their schools had been in session upon those days. When  
22 any one of the above named holidays falls upon a Sunday,  
23 the Monday following shall be observed as a school holiday,  
24 with all the privileges applying to any of the days above  
25 named.'

Sect. 2. Section nine of chapter thirty-four of the Revised  
( 2 Statutes of 1903 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
3 "public fast or" in the first line thereof, and inserting between  
4 the words "February" and "the" in the third line thereof,  
5 the words 'the nineteenth day of April,' so that said section  
6 nine as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. Any day of public thanksgiving, appointed by  
8 the governor and council or by the president of the United  
9 States, the first day of January, the twenty-second day of  
10 February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of  
11 May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September

12 and the twenty-fifth day of December are hereby declared  
13 to be bank holidays.'

Sect. 3. Section fifty-two of chapter seventy-nine of the  
2 Revised Statutes of 1903 is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the words "fast or" in the second line thereof, and by insert-  
4 ing between the word "electors" at the end of said second  
5 line and the word "the" at the commencement of the third  
6 line of said section, the words 'the first day of January, the  
7 nineteenth day of April,' so that said section fifty-two, when  
8 so amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 52. No court shall be held on Sunday, on any day  
10 designated for the annual thanksgiving, or for the choice  
11 of presidential electors, the first day of January, the nine-  
12 teenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, fourth day of  
13 July, the first Monday of September, the day of the state  
14 election, or on Christmas day; and when the time fixed for  
15 a term of said court falls on either of said days, it shall stand  
16 adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first  
17 day of the term for all purposes.'

Sect. 4. Section eighty-two of chapter eighty-three of the  
2 Revised Statutes of 1903 is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the words "fast or" at the end of the second line thereof, and  
4 inserting between the words "thanksgiving" and "the" in  
5 the third line thereof, the words 'the nineteenth day of April,'  
6 so that said section eighty-two, when so amended, shall read  
7 as follows:

‘Sect. 82. No person shall be arrested in a civil action, on  
9 mesne process, or execution, or on a warrant for taxes, on  
10 the day of annual thanksgiving, the nineteenth day of April,  
11 the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first  
12 Monday of September, or Christmas; and, on the day of any  
13 military training, inspection, review or election, no officer or  
14 soldier required by law to attend the same, shall be arrested  
15 on any such processes.’

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

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## STATT OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 21, 1905.

Reported by Mr. MARTIN from Committee on Legal Affairs, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*