

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 584

House of Representatives, March 14, 1911.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section eighty-eight of Chapter fifteen of
the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter one hundred
and ninety of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine,
to provide for the proper observance in the public schools of
the birth of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

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

Section 1. Section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of the
2 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and
3 ninety of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine is
4 hereby further amended by striking out all words after the
5 word "Lincoln" in the twentieth line thereof and substi-
6 tuting in place thereof the following: 'February twenty-
7 seven shall be observed by the teachers and pupils in all of

8 the public schools of the state as Longfellow day, some part
9 of which day, so far as may be expedient, shall be devoted
10 to the study of the life and character of Henry Wadsworth
11 Longfellow. When Lincoln day or Longfellow day fall on
12 a Saturday or Sunday the observance of the same shall be
13 as above stated on the following Monday;’ so that said
14 section when amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 88. The following days shall be observed as school-
16 holidays, namely: New Year’s day, January one; Wash-
17 ington’s birthday, February twenty-two; Patriot’s day, April
18 nineteen; Memorial day, May thirty; Independence day,
19 July four; Labor day, first Monday in September; Christ-
20 mas day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving and Arbor
21 days, as appointed by the governor and council. Provided,
22 however, that Arbor day shall not be recognized as a school
23 holiday, unless observed by teacher and pupils for the pur-
24 pose for which it is designated by the governor and council.
25 All teachers of public schools in the state may close their
26 schools on the days above mentioned and draw pay the same
27 as if their schools had been in session upon those days.
28 When any one of the above named holidays falls upon a
29 Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a school
30 holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days
31 above named. February twelve shall be observed by the
32 teachers and pupils in all the public schools of the state as
33 Lincoln day, some part of which day, as far as may be
34 expedient, shall be devoted to the study of the life and char-

35 acter of Abraham Lincoln. February twenty-seven shall be
36 observed by the teachers and pupils in all of the public
37 schools of the state as Longfellow day, some part of which
38 day, so far as may be expedient, shall be devoted to the study
39 of the life, character and works of Henry Wadsworth Long-
40 fellow. When Lincoln day or Longfellow day falls on a
41 Saturday or Sunday the observance of the same shall be as
42 above stated on the following Monday.'