

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 456

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*In Senate, March 10, 1913.*

*Reported by Senator Walker from Committee on Education  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of  
the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to school holi-  
days.

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*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 forty-eight of  
3 the Public Laws of nineteen hundred five as amended by  
4 chapter forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred  
5 seven as amended by chapter one hundred ninety of the  
6 Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by chap-  
7 ter twenty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred  
8 eleven is hereby further amended by striking out the words

9 "New Year's day, January one" in the second line thereof  
10 and by inserting after the word "council" in the eighth line  
11 thereof the words 'and provided, further, that Lincoln day  
12 shall be observed by devoting some part of the day to the  
13 study of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln' and  
14 by striking out the words "on the days above mentioned"  
15 in the thirteenth line thereof and by striking out the words  
16 "upon those days" in the fourteenth line thereof and sub-  
17 stituting in place thereof the words 'on any of the follow-  
18 ing days: Patriot's day, April nineteen; Memorial day,  
19 May thirty; Independence day, July four; Labor day, first  
20 Monday in September Christmas day, December twenty-  
21 five; Thanksgiving day, as appointed by the governor and  
22 council' and by striking out all of said section after the  
23 word "named" in the seventeenth line thereof and substi-  
24 tuting in place thereof the following: 'in addition to the  
25 foregoing each of the days hereinafter named shall, upon  
26 vote of the superintending school committee of any town,  
27 be observed by teachers and pupils of the public schools  
28 of said town by an exercise appropriate thereto, such exer-  
29 cise to be held during such part of the school session as  
30 the teacher of each school may designate. The exercises  
31 so held shall aim to impress on the minds of the youth the  
32 important lessons of character and good citizenship to be  
33 learned from the lives of American leaders and heroes and  
34 from a contemplation of their own duties and obligations  
35 to the community, state and nation of which they constitute

36 a part. In the absence of any vote of the superintending  
37 school committee said days, hereinafter designated, shall be  
38 observed as legal school holidays with the closing of  
39 schools. The days thus designated for school observance  
40 upon vote of the superintending school committee of any  
41 town shall be as follows: Washington's birthday, February  
42 twenty-two; Columbus day, October twelve, so that said  
43 section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 88. The following days shall be observed as school  
45 holidays, namely: Washington's birthday, February  
46 twenty-two; Patriot's day, April nineteen; Memorial day,  
47 May thirty; Independence day, July four; Labor day, first  
48 Monday in September; Columbus day, October twelve;  
49 Christmas day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving and  
50 Arbor days as appointed by the governor and council.  
51 Provided, however, that Arbor day, shall not be recognized  
52 as a school holiday unless observed by teacher and pupils  
53 for the purpose for which it is designated by the governor  
54 and council. And provided, further, that Lincoln day shall  
55 be observed by devoting some part of the day to the study  
56 of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. All teachers  
57 of public schools in the state may close their schools and  
58 draw pay the same as if their schools had been in session  
59 on any of the following days: Patriot's day, April nine-  
60 teen; Memorial day, May thirty; Independence day, July  
61 four; Labor day, first Monday in September; Christmas  
62 day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving day, as appointed

63 by the governor and council. When any one of the above  
64 named holidays falls upon a Sunday, the Monday following  
65 shall be observed as a school holiday, with all the privi-  
66 leges applying to any of the days above named. In addi-  
67 tion to the foregoing each of the days hereinafter named  
68 shall, upon vote of the superintending school committee of  
69 any town, be observed by teachers and pupils of the public  
70 schools of said town by an exercise appropriate thereto,  
71 such exercise to be held during such part of the school  
72 session as the teacher of each school may designate. The  
73 exercises so held shall aim to impress on the minds of the  
74 youth the important lessons of character and good citizen-  
75 ship to be learned from the lives of American leaders and  
76 heroes and from a contemplation of their own duties and  
77 obligations to the community, state and nation of which  
78 they constitute a part. In the absence of any vote of the  
79 superintending school committee said days, hereinafter  
80 designated shall be observed as legal school holidays with  
81 the closing of schools. The days thus designated for school  
82 observance upon vote of the superintending school com-  
83 mittee of any town shall be as follows: Washington's  
84 birthday, February twenty-two; Columbus day, October  
85 twelve.'