

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 78

House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Dutton of Bingham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to amend section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred five, as amended by chapter forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine, as amended by chapter twenty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, relating to school holidays.

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

Section eighty-eight of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter forty-eight of the public laws

3 of nineteen hundred five, as amended by chapter forty-eight
4 of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, as amended
5 by chapter one hundred ninety of the public laws of nine-
6 teen hundred nine, as amended by chapter twenty-three of
7 the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, as amended
8 by chapter one hundred ninety-five of the public laws of
9 nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby further amended by
10 striking out the words "Patriot's day, April nineteen," in
11 the fifteenth line thereof, and by striking out the words
12 "Labor day, first Monday in September;" in the sixteenth
13 and seventeenth lines thereof, and by inserting after the
14 word "twenty-two" in the thirty-eighth line thereof the
15 words 'Patriot's day, April nineteen; Labor day, first Mon-
16 day in September;' so that said section when amended shall
17 read as follows:

'Sect. 88. The following days shall be observed as school
19 holidays, namely: Washington's birthday, February twenty-
20 two; Patriot's day, April nineteen; Memorial day, May
21 thirty; Independence day, July four; Labor day, first Mon-
22 day in September; Columbus day, October twelve; Christ-
23 mas day, December twenty-five; Thanksgiving and Arbor
24 day, as appointed by the governor and council. Provided,
25 however, that Arbor day shall not be recognized as a school
26 holiday unless observed by teacher and pupils for the pur-
27 pose for which it is designated by the governor and council.
28 And provided, further, that Lincoln day shall be observed
29 by devoting some part of the day to the study of the life

30 and character of Abraham Lincoln. All teachers of public
31 schools in the state may close their schools and draw pay
32 the same as if their schools had been in session on any of
33 the following days: Memorial day, May thirty; Independ-
34 ence day, July four; Christmas day, December twenty-five;
35 Thanksgiving day, as appointed by the governor and coun-
36 cil. When any one of the above named holidays falls on
37 a Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a
38 school holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of
39 the days above named. In addition to the foregoing each
40 of the days hereinafter named shall, upon the vote of the
41 superintending school committee of any town, be observed
42 by teachers and pupils of the public schools of said town by
43 an exercise appropriate thereto, such exercise to be held
44 during such part of the school session as the teacher of
45 each school may designate. The exercises so held shall aim
46 to impress on the minds of the youth the important lessons
47 of character and good citizenship to be learned from the
48 lives of American leaders and heroes and from a contem-
49 plation of their own duties and obligations to the com-
50 munity, state and nation of which they constitute a part.
51 In the absence of any vote of the superintending school
52 committee said days, hereinafter designated, shall be ob-
53 served as legal school holidays with the closing of schools.
54 The days thus designated for school observance upon vote
55 of the superintending school committee of any town shall

56 be as follows: Washington's birthday, February twenty-
57 two; Patriot's day, April nineteen; Labor day, first Mon-
58 day in September; Columbus day, October twelve.'