

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 31

In Senate, Feb. 1, 1923.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland laid on the table for printing pending reference to Committee on Legal Affairs. In concurrence and five hundred copies ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Weeks of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section One Hundred and Nine of Chapter Sixteen, Section Thirty-three of Chapter Forty, Section Fifty-two of Chapter Eighty-two and Section Eighty-two of Chapter Eighty-six of the Revised Statutes Relating to Armistice Day, November Eleventh.

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

Section 1. R. S., C. 16, Sec. 109; Relating to school
2 holidays, amended. Section one hundred and nine of chap-
3 ter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by
4 adding after the words "October twelve" in the fifth line
5 thereof the words 'Armistice Day, November eleventh,' and

6 by adding after the words "Monday in September" in the
7 fifteenth line thereof the words 'Armistice Day, November
8 eleventh,' so that said section one hundred and nine as
9 amended shall read as follows:

Sect. 109. School holidays. Special observance of Wash-
2 ington's birthday and Columbus day. R. S. c. 15 § 88. 1905,
3 c. 48, § 14. 1907, c. 48, § 1. 1909, c. 190, § 1. 1911, c.
4 23. 1913, c. 195. The following days shall be observed as
5 school holidays, namely: Washington's birthday, February
6 twenty-two; Patriot's day, April nineteen; Memorial day,
7 May thirty; Independence day, July four; Labor day, first
8 Monday in September; Columbus day, October twelve;
9 Armistice day, November eleventh; Christmas day, Decem-
10 ber twenty-five; Thanksgiving and Arbor day, as appointed
11 by the governor and council. Provided, however, that
12 Arbor day, shall not be recognized as a school holiday un-
13 less observed by teacher and pupils for the purpose for
14 which it is designated by the governor and council. And
15 provided, further, that Lincoln day shall be observed by
16 devoting some part of the day to the study of the life and
17 study of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. All
18 teachers of public schools in the state may close their schools
19 and draw pay the same as if their schools had been in ses-
20 sion on any of the following days: Patriot's day, April
21 nineteen; Memorial day, May thirty; Independence day,
22 July four; Labor day, first Monday in September; Armis-
23 tice day, November eleventh; Christmas day, December

24 twenty-five; Thanksgiving day, as appointed by the gov-
25 ernor and council. When any one of the above named
26 holidays falls on a Sunday, the Monday following shall be
27 observed as a school holiday, with all privileges applying
28 to any of the days above named. In addition to the fore-
29 going each of the days hereinafter named shall, upon vote
30 of the superintending school committee of any town, be
31 observed by teachers and pupils of the public schools of
32 said town by an exercise appropriate thereto, such exercise
33 to be held during such part of the school session as the
34 teacher of each school may designate. The exercises so
35 held shall aim to impress on the minds of the youth the
36 important lessons of character and good citizenship to be
37 learned from the lives of American leaders and heroes and
38 from a contemplation of their own duties and obligations
39 to the community, state and nation of which they consti-
40 tute a part. In the absence of any vote of the superintend-
41 ing school committee said days, hereinafter designated, shall
42 be observed as legal school holidays with the closing of
43 schools. The days thus designated for school observance
44 upon vote of the superintending school committee of any
45 town shall be as follows: Washington's birthday, February
46 twenty-two; Columbus day, October twelve.'

Sect. 2. R. S., C. 40, Sec. 33; Relating to bank holidays,
2 amended. Section thirty-three of chapter forty of the re-
3 vised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the words
4 "the first Monday of September" in the fifth line thereof

5 the words 'Armistice day, November eleventh,' so that said
6 section thirty-three as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 33. Bank holidays. R. S. c. 34, § 9. 1907, c. 48,
2 §2. Any day of public thanksgiving, appointed by the gov-
3 ernor and council or by the president of the United States,
4 the first day of January, the twenty-second day of Feb-
5 ruary, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of
6 May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of Septem-
7 ber, Armistice day, November eleventh, and the twenty-
8 fifth day of December are hereby declared to be bank holi-
9 days.'

Sect. 3. R. S., C. 82, Sec. 52; Relating to legal holidays,
2 amended. Section fifty-two of chapter eighty-two of the
3 revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the
4 words "the day of the state election," in the fourth line
5 thereof, the words 'Armistice Day, November eleventh,'
6 so that said section fifty-two as amended shall read as fol-
7 lows:

'Sect. 52. Legal holidays. R. S. c. 79, § 52, 1907, c. 48,
2 § 3. 1909, c. 190, § 2. No court shall be held on Sunday,
3 or any day designated for the annual thanksgiving, or for
4 the choice of presidential electors, the nineteenth day of
5 April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July,
6 the first Monday of September, the day of the state elec-
7 tion, Armistice day, November eleventh, or on Christmas
8 day; and when the time fixed for a term of said court falls
9 on either of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the

10 next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term
11 for all purposes.'

Sect. 4. R. S., C. 86, Sec. 82; Relating to exemption from
2 arrest on certain holidays, amended. Section eighty-two
3 of chapter eighty-six of the revised statutes is hereby
4 amended by adding after the words "the first Monday of
5 September," in the fourth line thereof, the words 'Armis-
6 tice day, November eleventh,' so that said section as amend-
7 ed shall read as follows:

'Sect. 82. Exemption from arrest on certain holidays.
2 R. S. c. 83, § 82. 1907, c. 48, § 4. No person shall be
3 arrested in a civil action, on mesne process, or execution,
4 or on a warrant for taxes, on the day of annual thanks-
5 giving, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of
6 May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of Septem-
7 ber, Armistice day, November eleventh, or Christmas; and
8 on the day of any military training, inspection, review or
9 election, no officer or soldier required by law to attend the
10 same, shall be arrested on any such processes.'