

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 172

H. P. 593

House of Representatives, January 29, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed.
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Boucher of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Designate New Year's Day as a Legal Holiday.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 127, amended. Section 127 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 127. School holidays; special observance of Washington's birthday and Columbus day. The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: **New Year's day, January 1st**; Washington's birthday, February 22; Patriot's day, April 19; Memorial day, May 30; Independence day, July 4; Labor day, first Monday in September; Columbus day, October 12; Armistice day, November 11; Christmas day, December 25; Thanksgiving and Arbor day, as appointed by the governor and council: provided, however, that Arbor day shall not be recognized as a school holiday unless observed by teacher and pupils for the purpose for which it is designated by the governor and council; and provided, further, that Lincoln day shall be observed by devoting some part of the day to the study of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. All teachers of public schools in the state may close their schools and draw pay the same as if their schools had been in session on any of the following days: **New Year's day, January 1st**; Patriot's day, April 19; Memorial day, May 30; Independence day, July 4; Labor day, 1st Monday in September; Armistice

day, November 11; Christmas day, December 25; Thanksgiving day, as appointed by the governor and council. When any one of the above named holidays falls on a Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a school holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days above named. In addition to the foregoing each of the days hereinafter named shall, upon vote of the superintending school committee of any town, be observed by teachers and pupils of the public schools of said town by an exercise appropriate thereto, such exercise to be held during such part of the school session as the teacher of each school may designate. The exercises so held shall aim to impress on the minds of the youth the important lessons of character and good citizenship to be learned from the lives of American leaders and heroes and from a contemplation of their own duties and obligations to the community, state, and nation of which they constitute a part. In the absence of any vote of the superintending school committee, said days, hereinafter designated, shall be observed as legal school holidays with the closing of schools. The days thus designated for school observance upon vote of the superintending school committee of any town shall be as follows: Washington's birthday, February 22; Columbus day, October 12.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 91, § 77, amended. Section 77 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 98 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 77. Legal holidays. No court shall be held on Sunday, or any day designated for the annual thanksgiving, or for the choice of presidential electors, **New Year's day, January 1st**, Washington's birthday, February 22nd, the 19th day of April, the 30th day of May, the 4th day of July, the 1st Monday of September, the day of the state election, Armistice day, November 11th, or on Christmas day; and when the time fixed for a term of court falls on either of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the next day which shall be deemed the 1st day of the term for all purposes. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the above named holidays. When any one of the above named holidays falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days above named.'