

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pascucci of Sanford.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT Making Columbus Day a School Holiday.**

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

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

**‘Sec. 127. School holidays; special observance of New Year’s Day and Washington’s birthday.** The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Patriot’s day, April 19; Memorial day, May 30; Independence day, July 4; Labor Day, 1st 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 shall close their schools on the above named days and draw pay the same as if their schools had been in session. 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, New Year’s day,

January 1; Washington's birthday, February 22, ~~Columbus day, October 12,~~ 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 shall be observed as legal school holidays with the closing of schools.'