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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide for the Observance of Legal Holidays.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 154, amended. The 1st and 4th sentences of section 154 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows :

'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; ~~Armistice day~~ **Veterans 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.'

'In addition to the foregoing, New Year's day, January 1; ~~Washington's birthday~~ **President's Day**, 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.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 59, § 155, amended. Section 155 of chapter 59 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

'**Sec. 155. Bank holidays.** Any day of public thanksgiving, appointed by the Governor and Council or by the President of the United States, the 1st day of

January, the 22nd day of February, the 19th day of April, the 30th day of May, the 4th day of July, the 1st Monday of September, ~~Armistice Day~~ **Veterans Day**, November 11th, and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays. If a bank holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed a bank holiday for the purposes of this chapter.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 107, § 55, amended. Section 55 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 55. 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~~ **President's Day**, February 22nd; the 19th day of April; the 30th day of May; the 4th of July; the 1st Monday of September; the day of the state-wide primary election; the day of the State election; the day of any special state-wide election; ~~Armistice day~~ **Veterans Day**, November 11th; or on Christmas day; and when the time fixed for a term of court falls on any 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.

Whenever President's Day, February 22nd; Patriot's Day, April 19th; Memorial Day, May 30th; Independence Day, July 4th; and Veterans Day, November 11th fall on a day other than Monday, the legal holiday for such date shall be observed on the Monday nearest to said enumerated date.'

Sec. 4. Effective date. This action will become effective whenever after January 1, 1955 the Governor shall determine and by proclamation declare that 31 other States have, each by law, designated Mondays for the observance of such of the following holidays, to wit: President's Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day, as are legal holidays in each said State.