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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/113 new
10 ILCS 5/1-6
30 ILCS 500/15-45
105 ILCS 5/24-2
205 ILCS 630/17

from Ch. 17, par. 2201

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the tenth day of October of each year is designated as the Day of Healing and shall be observed throughout the State as a holiday for contemplation of and participation in activities that have a positive impact on the community. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to include the Day of Healing as a holiday.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
5 adding Section 113 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/113 new)

7 Sec. 113. Day of Healing. The tenth day of October of each
8 year is designated as the Day of Healing and shall be observed
9 throughout the State as a holiday for contemplation of and
10 participation in activities that have a positive impact on the
11 community. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the
12 contrary when the tenth day of October falls on a Saturday or a
13 Sunday, neither the proceeding Friday nor the following Monday
14 shall be held or considered as a paid holiday.

15 Section 10. The Election Code is amended by changing
16 Section 1-6 as follows:

17 (10 ILCS 5/1-6)

18 Sec. 1-6. Computing dates of various acts; Saturday,
19 Sunday, and holidays.

20 (a) If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act
21 required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a

1 Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the
2 first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as
3 the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election
4 authority or local election official conducts business on the
5 State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.

6 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "State holiday"
7 means New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday,
8 Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Casimir Pulaski's
9 Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National
10 Freedom Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, the Day of Healing,
11 Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day,
12 and any other day from time to time declared by the President
13 of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day
14 during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are
15 ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed
16 for business.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,
18 nominating papers, petitions of objection to nominating
19 papers, certificates of withdrawal of candidacy, and reports
20 of political committees actually received by election
21 authorities and local election officials on a State holiday, a
22 Saturday, or a Sunday shall not be deemed invalid or defective
23 for that reason alone.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)

25 Section 15. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by

1 changing Section 15-45 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

3 Sec. 15-45. Computation of days. The time within which any
4 act provided in this Code is to be done shall be computed by
5 excluding the first day and including the last, unless the
6 last day is Saturday or Sunday or is a holiday, and then it
7 shall also be excluded. If the day succeeding a Saturday,
8 Sunday, or holiday is also a holiday, a Saturday, or a Sunday,
9 then that succeeding day shall also be excluded. For the
10 purposes of this Code, "holiday" means: New Year's Day; Dr.
11 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Lincoln's Birthday;
12 President's Day; Memorial Day; Juneteenth National Freedom
13 Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; the Day of Healing; Columbus
14 Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and any
15 other day from time to time declared by the President of the
16 United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day during
17 which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are
18 ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed
19 for business.

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
21 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as
22 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
23 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General
24 Assembly.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20; 102-14, eff. 1-1-22;

1 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)

2 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section
3 24-2 as follows:

4 (105 ILCS 5/24-2)

5 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

6 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,
7 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
8 shall teachers, educational support personnel employees, or
9 other school employees, other than noncertificated school
10 employees whose presence is necessary because of an emergency
11 or for the continued operation and maintenance of school
12 facilities or property, be required to work on legal school
13 holidays, which are January 1, New Year's Day; the third
14 Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
15 Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln;
16 the first Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's
17 birthday); Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by
18 federal law; June 19, Juneteenth National Freedom Day; July 4,
19 Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day;
20 October 10, the Day of Healing; the second Monday in October,
21 Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday in
22 November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25,
23 Christmas Day. School boards may grant special holidays
24 whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. No

1 deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a
2 school employee, including an educational support personnel
3 employee, on account of any legal or special holiday in which
4 that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work but
5 for the legal or special holiday.

6 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for
7 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code
8 is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,
9 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third
10 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
11 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);
12 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's
13 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and
14 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

15 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are
16 recognized through instructional activities conducted on
17 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,
18 on the first school day preceding or following that day;
19 and

20 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority
21 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The
22 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing
23 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth
24 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the
25 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony
26 from educators and parents about the proposal.

1 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
2 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
3 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays
4 are: January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali), January 28 (to
5 be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a
6 commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the birthday
7 of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans' Day),
8 September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), September 17
9 (Constitution Day), the school day immediately preceding
10 Veterans' Day (Korean War Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling
11 Day), October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance
12 Day), December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so
13 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may
14 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment
15 such action is advisable. School boards shall include
16 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
17 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time
18 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when
19 such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of
20 Education shall prepare and make available to school boards
21 instructional materials relative to commemorated persons,
22 activities, or events which may be used by school boards in
23 conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this
24 paragraph.

25 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe
26 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday

1 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to
2 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive
3 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late
4 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.
5 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be
6 observed on the following Monday.

7 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to
8 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known
9 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
10 the State pursuant to Public Act 101-642. All government
11 offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be
12 closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election
13 day services or as a polling place.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
15 contrary, November 8, 2022 shall be a State holiday known as
16 2022 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
17 State under Public Act 102-15.

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
19 contrary, November 5, 2024 shall be a State holiday known as
20 2024 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
21 this State pursuant to Public Act 103-467.

22 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-15, eff. 6-17-21;
23 102-334, eff. 8-9-21; 102-411, eff. 1-1-22; 102-813, eff.
24 5-13-22; 103-15, eff. 7-1-23; 103-395, eff. 1-1-24; 103-467,
25 eff. 8-4-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

1 Section 25. The Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act is
2 amended by changing Section 17 as follows:

3 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

4 Sec. 17. Holidays.

5 (a) The following days shall be legal holidays in the
6 State of Illinois upon which day a bank may, but is not
7 required to, remain closed:

8 the first day of January (New Year's Day);

9 the third Monday in January (observance of Martin Luther
10 King, Jr.'s birthday);

11 the twelfth day in February (Abraham Lincoln's birthday);

12 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);

13 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir Pulaski's
14 birthday);

15 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);

16 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);

17 the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth National Freedom
18 Day);

19 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);

20 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);

21 the tenth day of October (the Day of Healing);

22 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);

23 the eleventh day of November (Veterans' Day);

24 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);

25 the twenty-fifth day in December (Christmas Day);

1 the days upon which the general elections for members of
2 the House of Representatives are held, and any day proclaimed
3 by the Governor of this State as a legal holiday. From 12
4 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight of each Saturday shall be
5 considered a half holiday. In addition to such holidays and
6 half-holidays, a bank may select one day of the week to remain
7 closed, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

8 (b) Any bank doing business within this State may select
9 any one day of the week to remain closed on a regular basis
10 upon adoption of a resolution by the board of directors of such
11 bank designating the day selected and upon filing and
12 publishing a copy of such resolution as hereinafter required.
13 Any such resolution shall be deemed effective for the purpose
14 of this Section only when a copy thereof, certified by an
15 officer having charge of the records of such bank, is filed
16 with the Recorder of the county in which such bank is located
17 and published once each week for 3 successive weeks in a
18 newspaper of general circulation in such county. Such
19 publication shall be accomplished by, and at the expense of,
20 the bank, and the bank shall submit to the Commissioner of
21 Banks and Real Estate such evidence of the publication as the
22 Commissioner shall deem appropriate. Any such selection shall
23 remain in full force and effect until a copy of the later
24 resolution of the board of directors of such bank, certified
25 in like manner, terminating or altering any such prior
26 selection shall be filed and published in the same manner as

1 such prior resolution.

2 (c) If an occasion arises when a state bank wishes to
3 remain closed on a particular day, other than a day on which
4 the bank has selected to remain closed on a regular basis as
5 provided in this Section, such state bank may remain closed on
6 such an occasion after first sending to the Commissioner a
7 copy of a resolution adopted by the board of directors
8 authorizing the bank to remain closed on such occasion and
9 notice of the intent to remain closed on such occasion shall be
10 conspicuously posted in the lobby of the main banking office
11 and any branches of such bank for at least 3 weeks in advance
12 of such occasion. Any day which any bank doing business within
13 the State shall select to remain closed pursuant to this
14 Section shall, with respect to such bank, be treated and
15 considered as a Sunday.

16 (d) All legal holidays, the half holidays and any day
17 selected by a bank doing business within the State to remain
18 closed, shall, for all purposes whatsoever, as regards the
19 presenting for payment or acceptance, the maturity and
20 protesting and giving of notice of the dishonor of bills of
21 exchange, bank checks and promissory notes and other
22 negotiable or commercial paper or instrument, be treated and
23 considered as a Sunday. When any such holidays, except
24 Juneteenth National Freedom Day or the Day of Healing, fall on
25 Sunday, the Monday next following shall be held and considered
26 such holiday. All notes, bills, drafts, checks or other

1 evidence of indebtedness, falling due or maturing on either of
2 such days, shall be deemed as due or maturing upon the day
3 following, and when 2 or more of these days come together, or
4 immediately succeeding each other, then such instruments,
5 paper or indebtedness shall be deemed as due or having matured
6 on the day following the last of such days.

7 (e) Any act authorized, required or permitted to be
8 performed at or by or with respect to any bank doing business
9 within the State on a day which it has selected to remain
10 closed under this Section may be so performed on the next
11 succeeding business day and no liability or loss of rights of
12 any kind shall result from such delay.

13 (f) Nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the
14 validity of, or render void or voidable, the payment,
15 certification, or acceptance of a check or other negotiable
16 instrument, or any other transaction by a bank in this State,
17 because done or performed on any Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or
18 any day selected by a bank to remain closed, or during any time
19 other than regular banking hours; but no bank in this State,
20 which by law or custom is entitled to remain open or to close
21 for the whole or any part of any day selected by it to remain
22 open or to close, is compelled to close, or to remain open for
23 the transaction of business or to perform any of the acts or
24 transactions aforesaid except at its own option.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)