



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB4178

Introduced 3/11/2026, by Sen. Willie Preston

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/66 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

Provides that the Act may be referred to as Reverend Jesse Jackson Day Act. Declares findings. Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act to commemorate October 8 as a holiday to be known as Reverend Jesse Jackson Day to honor the life and legacy of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., a long-time Illinois resident, ordained Baptist minister, and national civil rights leader. Provides that, when the eighth day of October falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be held and considered the holiday. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to include Reverend Jesse Jackson Day as a holiday. Effective immediately.

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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 1. References to Act. This Act may be referred to
5 as Reverend Jesse Jackson Day Act.

6 Section 3. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., born October 8,
8 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina, rose to become one of
9 the most influential civil rights leaders in American
10 history.

11 (2) As founder of Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Rev. Jackson
12 advanced economic justice, voting rights, labor rights,
13 educational equity, and international human rights.

14 (3) Rev. Jackson was a protege of Dr. Martin Luther
15 King, Jr., and played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights
16 Movement.

17 (4) Through his historic presidential campaigns in
18 1984 and 1988, Rev. Jackson expanded political
19 participation and representation for African Americans and
20 other marginalized communities.

21 (5) Rev. Jackson made Chicago, Illinois, his home and
22 transformed the political and moral landscape of this
23 State and the nation.

1 (6) His affirmation that "I Am Somebody" instilled
2 dignity and purpose in generations of Illinois residents.

3 (7) It is fitting and proper that the State of
4 Illinois permanently honor his life and legacy.

5 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
6 adding Section 66 as follows:

7 (5 ILCS 490/66 new)

8 Sec. 66. Reverend Jesse Jackson Day. The eighth day in
9 October of each year is a holiday to be observed throughout the
10 State and to be known as Reverend Jesse Jackson Day to honor
11 the life and legacy of the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., a
12 long-time resident of Illinois, an ordained Baptist minister,
13 and a national civil rights leader. The Governor may annually
14 issue a proclamation announcing the holiday and may designate
15 official events held in honor of the memory of the Reverend
16 Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., and his contributions. When the
17 eighth day of October falls on a Sunday, the following Monday
18 shall be held and considered the holiday.

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

21 (10 ILCS 5/1-6)

22 Sec. 1-6. Computing dates of various acts; Saturday,

1 Sunday, and holidays.

2 (a) If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act
3 required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a
4 Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the
5 first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as
6 the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election
7 authority or local election official conducts business on the
8 State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.

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

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

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

2 Section 15. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
3 changing Section 15-45 as follows:

4 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

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

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
23 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as
24 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the

1 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General
2 Assembly.

3 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20; 102-14, eff. 1-1-22;
4 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)

5 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section
6 24-2 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/24-2)

8 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

9 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,
10 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
11 shall teachers, educational support personnel employees, or
12 other school employees, other than noncertificated school
13 employees whose presence is necessary because of an emergency
14 or for the continued operation and maintenance of school
15 facilities or property, be required to work on legal school
16 holidays, which are January 1, New Year's Day; the third
17 Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
18 Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln;
19 the first Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's
20 birthday); Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by
21 federal law; June 19, Juneteenth National Freedom Day; July 4,
22 Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day;
23 October 8, Reverend Jesse Jackson Day; the second Monday in
24 October, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the

1 Thursday in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and
2 December 25, Christmas Day. School boards may grant special
3 holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable.
4 No deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a
5 school employee, including an educational support personnel
6 employee, on account of any legal or special holiday in which
7 that employee would have otherwise been scheduled to work but
8 for the legal or special holiday.

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

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

23 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority
24 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The
25 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing
26 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth

1 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the
2 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony
3 from educators and parents about the proposal.

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

1 materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
2 events which may be used by school boards in conjunction with
3 any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph.

4 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe
5 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday
6 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to
7 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive
8 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late
9 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.
10 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be
11 observed on the following Monday.

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

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
20 contrary, November 8, 2022 shall be a State holiday known as
21 2022 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
22 State under Public Act 102-15.

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
24 contrary, November 5, 2024 shall be a State holiday known as
25 2024 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
26 this State pursuant to Public Act 103-467.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-15, eff. 7-1-23; 103-395, eff. 1-1-24;
2 103-467, eff. 8-4-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 104-391, eff.
3 8-15-25.)

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

6 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

7 Sec. 17. Holidays.

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

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

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

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

15 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);

16 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir Pulaski's
17 birthday);

18 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);

19 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);

20 the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth National Freedom
21 Day);

22 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);

23 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);

24 the eighth day of October (Reverend Jesse Jackson Day);

1 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);
2 the eleventh day of November (Veterans' Day);
3 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);
4 the twenty-fifth day in December (Christmas Day);
5 the days upon which the general elections for members of
6 the House of Representatives are held, and any day proclaimed
7 by the Governor of this State as a legal holiday. From 12
8 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight of each Saturday shall be
9 considered a half holiday. In addition to such holidays and
10 half-holidays, a bank may select one day of the week to remain
11 closed, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

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

1 remain in full force and effect until a copy of the later
2 resolution of the board of directors of such bank, certified
3 in like manner, terminating or altering any such prior
4 selection shall be filed and published in the same manner as
5 such prior resolution.

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

20 (d) All legal holidays, the half holidays and any day
21 selected by a bank doing business within the State to remain
22 closed, shall, for all purposes whatsoever, as regards the
23 presenting for payment or acceptance, the maturity and
24 protesting and giving of notice of the dishonor of bills of
25 exchange, bank checks and promissory notes and other
26 negotiable or commercial paper or instrument, be treated and

1 considered as a Sunday. When any such holidays, except
2 Juneteenth National Freedom Day, fall on Sunday, the Monday
3 next following shall be held and considered such holiday. All
4 notes, bills, drafts, checks or other evidence of
5 indebtedness, falling due or maturing on either of such days,
6 shall be deemed as due or maturing upon the day following, and
7 when 2 or more of these days come together, or immediately
8 succeeding each other, then such instruments, paper or
9 indebtedness shall be deemed as due or having matured on the
10 day following the last of such days.

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

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

1 the transaction of business or to perform any of the acts or
2 transactions aforesaid except at its own option.

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

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.