



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/63

10 ILCS 5/1-6

30 ILCS 500/15-45

105 ILCS 5/24-2

205 ILCS 630/17

from Ch. 122, par. 24-2

from Ch. 17, par. 2201

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the State (currently, not a holiday and is observed on the third Saturday of June of each year). Provides that when June 19 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 Juneteenth National Freedom 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 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 63 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/63)

7 Sec. 63. Juneteenth National Freedom Day. The nineteenth  
8 day of June of each year is a holiday to be observed throughout  
9 the State and to be known ~~third Saturday in June of each year~~  
10 ~~is designated~~ as Juneteenth National Freedom Day to commemorate  
11 the abolition of slavery throughout the United States and its  
12 territories in 1865. Juneteenth National Freedom Day may be  
13 observed with suitable observances and exercises by civic  
14 groups and the public, and citizens of the State are urged to  
15 reflect on the suffering endured by early African-Americans and  
16 to celebrate the unique freedom and equality enjoyed by all  
17 State citizens today. When June nineteenth shall fall on a  
18 Sunday, the following Monday shall be held and considered the  
19 holiday.

20 (Source: P.A. 93-550, eff. 1-1-04.)

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

1 (10 ILCS 5/1-6)

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

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

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

21 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,  
22 nominating papers, petitions of objection to nominating  
23 papers, certificates of withdrawal of candidacy, and reports of  
24 political committees actually received by election authorities  
25 and local election officials on a State holiday, a Saturday, or

1 a Sunday shall not be deemed invalid or defective for that  
2 reason alone.

3 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96; 90-672, eff. 7-31-98.)

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

6 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

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

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the  
24 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as

1 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the  
2 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
3 Assembly.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20.)

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

7 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 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 or other school employees, other than  
12 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary  
13 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and  
14 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to  
15 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's  
16 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin  
17 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President  
18 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as  
19 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day designated as  
20 Memorial Day by federal law; June 19, Juneteenth National  
21 Freedom Day; July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in  
22 September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus  
23 Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday in November  
24 commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas

1 Day. School boards may grant special holidays whenever in their  
2 judgment such action is advisable. No deduction shall be made  
3 from the time or compensation of a school employee on account  
4 of any legal or special holiday.

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

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

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

26 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified

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

22 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March  
23 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall  
24 be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate and  
25 be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of  
26 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and

1 the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls on a  
2 Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the  
3 following Monday.

4 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the  
5 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as  
6 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the  
7 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
8 Assembly. All government offices, with the exception of  
9 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be  
10 used as a location for election day services or as a polling  
11 place.

12 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20.)

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

15 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

16 Sec. 17. Holidays.

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

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

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

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

24 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);



1 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir Pulaski's  
2 birthday);

3 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);

4 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);

5 the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth National Freedom  
6 Day);

7 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);

8 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);

9 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);

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

11 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);

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

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

20 (b) Any bank doing business within this State may select  
21 any one day of the week to remain closed on a regular basis  
22 upon adoption of a resolution by the board of directors of such  
23 bank designating the day selected and upon filing and  
24 publishing a copy of such resolution as hereinafter required.  
25 Any such resolution shall be deemed effective for the purpose  
26 of this Section only when a copy thereof, certified by an

1 officer having charge of the records of such bank, is filed  
2 with the Recorder of the county in which such bank is located  
3 and published once each week for 3 successive weeks in a  
4 newspaper of general circulation in such county. Such  
5 publication shall be accomplished by, and at the expense of,  
6 the bank, and the bank shall submit to the Commissioner of  
7 Banks and Real Estate such evidence of the publication as the  
8 Commissioner shall deem appropriate. Any such selection shall  
9 remain in full force and effect until a copy of the later  
10 resolution of the board of directors of such bank, certified in  
11 like manner, terminating or altering any such prior selection  
12 shall be filed and published in the same manner as such prior  
13 resolution.

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

1           (d) All legal holidays, the half holidays and any day  
2 selected by a bank doing business within the State to remain  
3 closed, shall, for all purposes whatsoever, as regards the  
4 presenting for payment or acceptance, the maturity and  
5 protesting and giving of notice of the dishonor of bills of  
6 exchange, bank checks and promissory notes and other negotiable  
7 or commercial paper or instrument, be treated and considered as  
8 a Sunday. When any such holidays fall on Sunday, the Monday  
9 next following shall be held and considered such holiday. All  
10 notes, bills, drafts, checks or other evidence of indebtedness,  
11 falling due or maturing on either of such days, shall be deemed  
12 as due or maturing upon the day following, and when 2 or more  
13 of these days come together, or immediately succeeding each  
14 other, then such instruments, paper or indebtedness shall be  
15 deemed as due or having matured on the day following the last  
16 of such days.

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

23           (f) Nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the  
24 validity of, or render void or voidable, the payment,  
25 certification, or acceptance of a check or other negotiable  
26 instrument, or any other transaction by a bank in this State,

1 because done or performed on any Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or  
2 any day selected by a bank to remain closed, or during any time  
3 other than regular banking hours; but no bank in this State,  
4 which by law or custom is entitled to remain open or to close  
5 for the whole or any part of any day selected by it to remain  
6 open or to close, is compelled to close, or to remain open for  
7 the transaction of business or to perform any of the acts or  
8 transactions aforesaid except at its own option.

9 (Source: P.A. 89-508, eff. 7-3-96; 89-567, eff. 7-26-96; 90-14,  
10 eff. 7-1-97.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.