



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/137 new  
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 the second day of April of each year is a holiday to be known as Autism Awareness Day to be observed throughout the State as a day to promote the awareness of autism. Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to include Autism Awareness Day 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 137 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/137 new)

7 Sec. 137. Autism Awareness Day. The second day of April of  
8 each year is a holiday to be known as Autism Awareness Day to  
9 be observed throughout the State as a day to promote the  
10 awareness of autism. When April second shall fall on a Sunday,  
11 the following Monday shall be held and considered the holiday.

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

14 (10 ILCS 5/1-6)

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

17 (a) If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act  
18 required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a  
19 Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the  
20 first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as  
21 the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election

1 authority or local election official conducts business on the  
2 State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.

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

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

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

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

23 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

24 Sec. 15-45. Computation of days. The time within which any

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

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the  
17 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as  
18 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the  
19 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
20 Assembly.

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

22 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
23 24-2 as follows:

24 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

1           Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

2           (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,  
3 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,  
4 shall teachers or other school employees, other than  
5 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary  
6 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and  
7 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to  
8 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's  
9 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin  
10 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President  
11 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as  
12 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); April 2, Autism Awareness Day;  
13 Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal  
14 law; July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in September,  
15 Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day;  
16 November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday in November commonly  
17 called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day.  
18 School boards may grant special holidays whenever in their  
19 judgment such action is advisable. No deduction shall be made  
20 from the time or compensation of a school employee on account  
21 of any legal or special holiday.

22           (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for  
23 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code  
24 is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,  
25 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third  
26 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,

1 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);  
2 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's  
3 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and  
4 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

5 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are  
6 recognized through instructional activities conducted on  
7 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,  
8 on the first school day preceding or following that day;  
9 and

10 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority  
11 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The  
12 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing  
13 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth  
14 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the  
15 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony  
16 from educators and parents about the proposal.

17 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified  
18 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,  
19 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays  
20 are: January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and  
21 observed as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15  
22 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War  
23 Veterans' Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of  
24 Remembrance), the school day immediately preceding Veterans'  
25 Day (Korean War Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling Day),  
26 October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day),

1 December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so  
2 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may  
3 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment  
4 such action is advisable. School boards shall include  
5 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or  
6 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time  
7 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when  
8 such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of  
9 Education shall prepare and make available to school boards  
10 instructional materials relative to commemorated persons,  
11 activities, or events which may be used by school boards in  
12 conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this  
13 paragraph.

14 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe  
15 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday  
16 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to  
17 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive  
18 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late  
19 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.  
20 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be  
21 observed on the following Monday.

22 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to  
23 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known  
24 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout  
25 the State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
26 Assembly. All government offices, with the exception of

1 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be  
2 used as a location for election day services or as a polling  
3 place.

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

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

7 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

8 Sec. 17. Holidays.

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

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

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

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

16 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);

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

19 the second day of April (Autism Awareness Day);

20 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);

21 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);

22 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);

23 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);

24 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);



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

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

1 resolution of the board of directors of such bank, certified  
2 in like manner, terminating or altering any such prior  
3 selection shall be filed and published in the same manner as  
4 such prior resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (Source: P.A. 89-508, eff. 7-3-96; 89-567, eff. 7-26-96;  
2 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)