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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 from Ch. 122, par. 24-2
205 ILCS 630/17 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
11 commemorate the abolition of slavery throughout the United
12 States and its territories in 1865. Juneteenth National
13 Freedom Day may be observed with suitable observances and
14 exercises by civic groups and the public, and citizens of the
15 State are urged to reflect on the suffering endured by early
16 African-Americans and to celebrate the unique freedom and
17 equality enjoyed by all State citizens today. When June
18 nineteenth shall fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall
19 be held and considered the 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
7 first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as
8 the 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"
12 means 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
24 of political committees actually received by election
25 authorities and local election officials on a State holiday, a

1 Saturday, or a Sunday shall not be deemed invalid or defective
2 for that 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
10 last day is Saturday or Sunday or is a holiday, and then it
11 shall also be excluded. If the day succeeding a Saturday,
12 Sunday, or holiday is also a holiday, a Saturday, or a Sunday,
13 then that succeeding day shall also be excluded. For the
14 purposes of this Code, "holiday" means: New Year's Day; Dr.
15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Lincoln's Birthday;
16 President's Day; Memorial Day; Juneteenth National Freedom
17 Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans' Day;
18 Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and any other day from time
19 to time declared by the President of the United States or the
20 Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of
21 the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business
22 with the public shall 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
20 as 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
2 their judgment such action is advisable. No deduction shall be
3 made from the time or compensation of a school employee on
4 account 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
7 is 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
21 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing
22 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth
23 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the
24 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony
25 from educators 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
3 are: January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and
4 observed as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15
5 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War
6 Veterans' Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of
7 Remembrance), the school day immediately preceding Veterans'
8 Day (Korean War Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling Day),
9 October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day),
10 December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so
11 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may
12 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment
13 such action is advisable. School boards shall include
14 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
15 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time
16 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when
17 such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of
18 Education shall prepare and make available to school boards
19 instructional materials relative to commemorated persons,
20 activities, or events which may be used by school boards in
21 conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this
22 paragraph.

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

1 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late
2 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.
3 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be
4 observed on the following Monday.

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

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

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

16 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

17 Sec. 17. Holidays.

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

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

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

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

1 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);
2 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir Pulaski's
3 birthday);
4 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);
5 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);
6 the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth National Freedom
7 Day);
8 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);
9 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);
10 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);
11 the eleventh day of November (Veterans' Day);
12 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);
13 the twenty-fifth day in December (Christmas Day);
14 the days upon which the general elections for members of
15 the House of Representatives are held, and any day proclaimed
16 by the Governor of this State as a legal holiday. From 12
17 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight of each Saturday shall be
18 considered a half holiday. In addition to such holidays and
19 half-holidays, a bank may select one day of the week to remain
20 closed, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

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

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

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

1 Section shall, with respect to such bank, be treated and
2 considered as a Sunday.

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

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

25 (f) Nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the
26 validity of, or render void or voidable, the payment,

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

11 (Source: P.A. 89-508, eff. 7-3-96; 89-567, eff. 7-26-96;
12 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.