



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5750

LCO No. 1374

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
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AN ACT MAKING ELECTION DAY A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 1-4 of the general statutes be amended to make the
2 Tuesday after the first Monday of November a legal holiday, and to
3 amend the general statutes to (1) require all employers in the private
4 sector to permit two hours away from work during the employee's
5 regular hours for their employees to vote without loss of
6 compensation, at a time designated by the employer, provided the
7 employer may require the employee to request such leave prior to the
8 day of leave and to provide proof of voting, and (2) create a fine of not
9 less than two hundred fifty dollars and not more than one thousand
10 dollars for any employer who violates such provision.

Statement of Purpose:

To make election day a legal holiday and require private sector employees to give their employees time off to vote, in order to encourage greater participation in elections.