
OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 479*****AN ACT DESIGNATING ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill designates the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (known as Election Day) each year as a legal state holiday.

The State Personnel Act mandates that each full-time permanent state employee receives paid time off for legal holidays (CGS § 5-254). To the extent it is considered a change in working conditions, an additional paid day off may have to be negotiated with public employee collective bargaining units.

By law, legal state holidays are also bank and credit union holidays, during which time, bank and credit union transactions are generally suspended (CGS § 36a-23).

The decision to close public schools on Election Day (many of which are used as polling places) is made by each local school district. By law, each local and regional board of education that remains open on a legal state holiday must hold a suitable educational program in observance of the holiday.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 3 (03/06/2019)