



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 479

LCO No. 3781



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT DESIGNATING ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 In each year the first day of January (known as New Year's Day), the
4 fifteenth day of January of each year prior to 1986, and commencing on
5 the twentieth day of January in 1986, the first Monday occurring on or
6 after January fifteenth (known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), the
7 twelfth day of February (known as Lincoln Day), the third Monday in
8 February (known as Washington's Birthday), the last Monday in May
9 (known as Memorial Day or Decoration Day), the fourth day of July
10 (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in September (known
11 as Labor Day), the second Monday in October (known as Columbus
12 Day), the eleventh day of November (known as Veterans' Day), the
13 Tuesday after the first Monday in November (known as Election Day)
14 and the twenty-fifth day of December (known as Christmas) and any
15 day appointed or recommended by the Governor of this state or the
16 President of the United States as a day of thanksgiving, fasting or

17 religious observance, shall each be a legal holiday, except that
 18 whenever any of such days which are not designated to occur on
 19 Monday, occurs upon a Sunday, the Monday next following such day
 20 shall be a legal holiday and whenever any of such days occurs upon a
 21 Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding such day shall be a legal
 22 holiday. When any such holiday, except holidays in January and
 23 December, occurs on a school day, each local and regional board of
 24 education may close the public schools under its jurisdiction for such
 25 day or hold a session of the public schools on such day, provided, if a
 26 session is held, the board shall require each school to hold a suitable
 27 nonsectarian educational program in observance of such holiday. If a
 28 holiday in January or December occurs on a school day, there shall be
 29 no session of the public schools on such day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	1-4

Statement of Purpose:

To designate Election Day as a state holiday.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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