



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6209

LCO No. 4960



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A
LEGAL 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 Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2021*):

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 nineteenth day of June
10 (known as Juneteenth Independence Day), the fourth day of July
11 (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in September (known
12 as Labor Day), the second Monday in October (known as Columbus
13 Day), the eleventh day of November (known as Veterans' Day) and the
14 twenty-fifth day of December (known as Christmas) and any day
15 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 whenever
 18 any of such days which are not designated to occur on Monday, occurs
 19 upon a Sunday, the Monday next following such day shall be a legal
 20 holiday and whenever any of such days occurs upon a Saturday, the
 21 Friday immediately preceding such day shall be a legal holiday. When
 22 any such holiday, except holidays in January and December, occurs on
 23 a school day, each local and regional board of education may close the
 24 public schools under its jurisdiction for such day or hold a session of the
 25 public schools on such day, provided, if a session is held, the board shall
 26 require each school to hold a suitable nonsectarian educational program
 27 in observance of such holiday. If a holiday in January or December
 28 occurs on a school day, there shall be no session of the public schools on
 29 such day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	1-4

Statement of Purpose:

To establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a legal 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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