

# SB2482



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Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-6

30 ILCS 500/15-45

105 ILCS 5/24-2

110 ILCS 70/45a

from Ch. 122, par. 24-2

from Ch. 24 1/2, par. 381.1

Amends the Election Code. Includes General Election Day, General Primary Election Day, Consolidated Election Day, and Consolidated Primary Election Day as State holidays. Makes conforming changes in the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the State Universities Civil Service Act. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 1-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-6)

7 Sec. 1-6. Computing dates of various acts; Saturday,  
8 Sunday, and holidays.

9 (a) If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act  
10 required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a  
11 Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the  
12 first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as  
13 the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election  
14 authority or local election official conducts business on the  
15 State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.

16 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "State holiday"  
17 means New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday,  
18 Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Casimir Pulaski's  
19 Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor  
20 Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas  
21 Day, General Election Day, General Primary Election Day,  
22 Consolidated Election Day, Consolidated Primary Election Day,  
23 and any other day from time to time declared by the President

1 of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day  
2 during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are  
3 ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed  
4 for business.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,  
6 nominating papers, petitions of objection to nominating  
7 papers, certificates of withdrawal of candidacy, and reports  
8 of political committees actually received by election  
9 authorities and local election officials on a State holiday, a  
10 Saturday, or a Sunday shall not be deemed invalid or defective  
11 for that reason alone.

12 (Source: P.A. 89-653, eff. 8-14-96; 90-672, eff. 7-31-98.)

13 Section 10. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by  
14 changing Section 15-45 as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

16 Sec. 15-45. Computation of days. The time within which any  
17 act provided in this Code is to be done shall be computed by  
18 excluding the first day and including the last, unless the  
19 last day is Saturday or Sunday or is a holiday, and then it  
20 shall also be excluded. If the day succeeding a Saturday,  
21 Sunday, or holiday is also a holiday, a Saturday, or a Sunday,  
22 then that succeeding day shall also be excluded. For the  
23 purposes of this Code, "holiday" means: New Year's Day; Dr.  
24 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Lincoln's Birthday;

1 President's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day;  
2 Columbus Day; Veterans' Day; Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day;  
3 General Election Day; General Primary Election Day;  
4 Consolidated Election Day; Consolidated Primary Election Day;  
5 and any other day from time to time declared by the President  
6 of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day  
7 during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are  
8 ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed  
9 for business.

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the  
11 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as  
12 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the  
13 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
14 Assembly.

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

16 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
17 24-2 as follows:

18 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

19 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

20 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,  
21 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,  
22 shall teachers or other school employees, other than  
23 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary  
24 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and

1 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to  
2 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's  
3 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin  
4 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President  
5 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as  
6 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day designated  
7 as Memorial Day by federal law; July 4, Independence Day; the  
8 first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in  
9 October, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the  
10 Thursday in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and  
11 December 25, Christmas Day; in even-numbered years, the first  
12 Tuesday after the first Monday in November, General Election  
13 Day; in even-numbered years, the third Tuesday in March,  
14 General Primary Election Day; in odd-numbered years, the first  
15 Tuesday in April, except as provided in Section 2A-1.1a of the  
16 Election Code, Consolidated Election Day; and in odd-numbered  
17 years, the last Tuesday in February, Consolidated Primary  
18 Election Day. School boards may grant special holidays  
19 whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. No  
20 deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a  
21 school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

22 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for  
23 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code  
24 is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,  
25 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third  
26 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,

1 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);  
2 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's  
3 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and  
4 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

5 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are  
6 recognized through instructional activities conducted on  
7 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,  
8 on the first school day preceding or following that day;  
9 and

10 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority  
11 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The  
12 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing  
13 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth  
14 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the  
15 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony  
16 from educators and parents about the proposal.

17 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified  
18 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,  
19 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays  
20 are: January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and  
21 observed as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15  
22 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War  
23 Veterans' Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of  
24 Remembrance), the school day immediately preceding Veterans'  
25 Day (Korean War Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling Day),  
26 October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day),

1 December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so  
2 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may  
3 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment  
4 such action is advisable. School boards shall include  
5 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or  
6 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time  
7 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when  
8 such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of  
9 Education shall prepare and make available to school boards  
10 instructional materials relative to commemorated persons,  
11 activities, or events which may be used by school boards in  
12 conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this  
13 paragraph.

14 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe  
15 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday  
16 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to  
17 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive  
18 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late  
19 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.  
20 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be  
21 observed on the following Monday.

22 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to  
23 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known  
24 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout  
25 the State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
26 Assembly. All government offices, with the exception of

1 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be  
2 used as a location for election day services or as a polling  
3 place.

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

5 Section 20. The State Universities Civil Service Act is  
6 amended by changing Section 45a as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 70/45a) (from Ch. 24 1/2, par. 381.1)

8 Sec. 45a. Except as provided in the second sentence of  
9 this Section, all officers and employees subject to this Act,  
10 shall have the following days as holidays, for which they  
11 shall receive their usual compensation: New Year's Day,  
12 January 1, Memorial Day, as determined by the law of the State  
13 of Illinois, Independence Day, July 4, Labor Day, the first  
14 Monday in September, Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday of  
15 November, Christmas Day, December 25, in even-numbered years,  
16 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, General  
17 Election Day, in even-numbered years, the third Tuesday in  
18 March, General Primary Election Day, in odd-numbered years,  
19 the first Tuesday in April, except as provided in Section  
20 2A-1.1a of the Election Code, Consolidated Election Day, in  
21 odd-numbered years, the last Tuesday in February, Consolidated  
22 Primary Election Day, and five holidays to be designated by  
23 each college, university, agency and community college subject  
24 to this Act. Craft and trade employees subject to this Act



1 shall be paid for all paid holidays included in their area  
2 agreement, and will be paid for all five holidays designated  
3 by their employer pursuant to this section.

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5 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as  
6 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the  
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9 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be  
10 used as a location for election day services or as a polling  
11 place.

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