

1 AN ACT concerning State holidays.

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

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended
5 by adding Section 115 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/115 new)

7 Sec. 115. General Election Day. The date established by
8 the Election Code as the date of the general election shall
9 be a legal holiday to be known as General Election Day.

10 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing
11 Section 24-2 as follows:

12 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

13 Sec. 24-2. Holidays. Teachers shall not be required to
14 teach on Saturdays; nor shall teachers or other school
15 employees, other than noncertificated school employees whose
16 presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the
17 continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or
18 property, be required to work on legal school holidays, which
19 are January 1, New Year's Day; the third Monday in January,
20 the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the
21 Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in
22 March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good
23 Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal law;
24 July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in September,
25 Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day; the
26 date established by the Election Code as the date of the
27 general election, General Election Day; November 11,
28 Veteran's Day; the Thursday in November commonly called
29 Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day. School

1 boards may grant special holidays whenever in their judgment
2 such action is advisable, ~~except that no school board or~~
3 ~~board of education may designate or observe as a special~~
4 ~~holiday on which teachers or other school employees are not~~
5 ~~required to work the days on which general elections for~~
6 ~~members of the Illinois House of Representatives are held.~~ No
7 deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a
8 school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

9 Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
10 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
11 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays
12 are: January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and
13 observed as a commemoration of space exploration), February
14 15 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War
15 Veterans Day), the school day immediately preceding Veteran's
16 Day (Korean War Veterans Day), October 1 (Recycling Day),
17 December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans Day) and any day so
18 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may
19 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment
20 such action is advisable. School boards shall include
21 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
22 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time
23 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum
24 when such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State
25 Board of Education shall prepare and make available to school
26 boards instructional materials relative to commemorated
27 persons, activities, or events which may be used by school
28 boards in conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant
29 to this paragraph.

30 City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March 4
31 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall
32 be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate
33 and be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the
34 City of Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J.

1 Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls
2 on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the
3 following Monday.

4 (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96; 89-622, eff. 8-9-96;
5 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)

6 Section 15. The Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act is
7 amended by changing Section 17 as follows:

8 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

9 Sec. 17. Holidays.

10 (a) The following days shall be legal holidays in the
11 State of Illinois upon which day a bank may, but is not
12 required to, remain closed:

13 the first day of January (New Year's Day);

14 the third Monday in January (observance of Martin Luther
15 King, Jr.'s birthday);

16 the twelfth day in February (Abraham Lincoln's birthday);

17 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);

18 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir
19 Pulaski's birthday);

20 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);

21 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);

22 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);

23 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);

24 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);

25 the date established by the Election Code as the date of
26 the general election (General Election Day);

27 the eleventh day of November (Veterans' Day);

28 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);

29 the twenty-fifth day in December (Christmas Day);

30 ~~the days upon which the general elections for members of~~
31 ~~the House of Representatives are held, and any day proclaimed~~
32 by the Governor of this State as a legal holiday. From 12

1 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight of each Saturday shall be
2 considered a half holiday. In addition to such holidays and
3 half-holidays, a bank may select one day of the week to
4 remain closed, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

5 (b) Any bank doing business within this State may select
6 any one day of the week to remain closed on a regular basis
7 upon adoption of a resolution by the board of directors of
8 such bank designating the day selected and upon filing and
9 publishing a copy of such resolution as hereinafter required.
10 Any such resolution shall be deemed effective for the purpose
11 of this Section only when a copy thereof, certified by an
12 officer having charge of the records of such bank, is filed
13 with the Recorder of the county in which such bank is located
14 and published once each week for 3 successive weeks in a
15 newspaper of general circulation in such county. Such
16 publication shall be accomplished by, and at the expense of,
17 the bank, and the bank shall submit to the Commissioner of
18 Banks and Real Estate such evidence of the publication as the
19 Commissioner shall deem appropriate. Any such selection
20 shall remain in full force and effect until a copy of the
21 later resolution of the board of directors of such bank,
22 certified in like manner, terminating or altering any such
23 prior selection shall be filed and published in the same
24 manner as such prior resolution.

25 (c) If an occasion arises when a state bank wishes to
26 remain closed on a particular day, other than a day on which
27 the bank has selected to remain closed on a regular basis as
28 provided in this Section, such state bank may remain closed
29 on such an occasion after first sending to the Commissioner a
30 copy of a resolution adopted by the board of directors
31 authorizing the bank to remain closed on such occasion and
32 notice of the intent to remain closed on such occasion shall
33 be conspicuously posted in the lobby of the main banking
34 office and any branches of such bank for at least 3 weeks in

1 advance of such occasion. Any day which any bank doing
2 business within the State shall select to remain closed
3 pursuant to this Section shall, with respect to such bank, be
4 treated and considered as a Sunday.

5 (d) All legal holidays, the half holidays and any day
6 selected by a bank doing business within the State to remain
7 closed, shall, for all purposes whatsoever, as regards the
8 presenting for payment or acceptance, the maturity and
9 protesting and giving of notice of the dishonor of bills of
10 exchange, bank checks and promissory notes and other
11 negotiable or commercial paper or instrument, be treated and
12 considered as a Sunday. When any such holidays fall on
13 Sunday, the Monday next following shall be held and
14 considered such holiday. All notes, bills, drafts, checks or
15 other evidence of indebtedness, falling due or maturing on
16 either of such days, shall be deemed as due or maturing upon
17 the day following, and when 2 or more of these days come
18 together, or immediately succeeding each other, then such
19 instruments, paper or indebtedness shall be deemed as due or
20 having matured on the day following the last of such days.

21 (e) Any act authorized, required or permitted to be
22 performed at or by or with respect to any bank doing business
23 within the State on a day which it has selected to remain
24 closed under this Section may be so performed on the next
25 succeeding business day and no liability or loss of rights of
26 any kind shall result from such delay.

27 (f) Nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the
28 validity of, or render void or voidable, the payment,
29 certification, or acceptance of a check or other negotiable
30 instrument, or any other transaction by a bank in this State,
31 because done or performed on any Saturday, Sunday, holiday,
32 or any day selected by a bank to remain closed, or during any
33 time other than regular banking hours; but no bank in this
34 State, which by law or custom is entitled to remain open or

1 to close for the whole or any part of any day selected by it
2 to remain open or to close, is compelled to close, or to
3 remain open for the transaction of business or to perform any
4 of the acts or transactions aforesaid except at its own
5 option.

6 (Source: P.A. 89-508, eff. 7-3-96; 89-567, eff. 7-26-96;
7 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)