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## **An Act To Change the Name of Columbus Day to Heritage Day**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

### **§ 1051. Legal holidays**

~~No court~~Court may not be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Day, the 3rd Monday in January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if the Federal Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; ~~Columbus~~Heritage Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans' Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held on a legal holiday when ~~heth~~the Chief Justice finds that the interests of justice and judicial economy in any particular case will be served. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the holidays named in this section. When any one of the holidays named in this section falls on Sunday, the Monday following ~~shall~~must be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days named in this section.

**Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 398, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

I. The 2nd Monday in October, ~~Columbus~~Heritage Day;

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

E. ~~Columbus~~Heritage Day, the 2nd Monday in October;

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §4691, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 571, is amended to read:

**2. Business day.** "Business day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or the following national holidays: New Year's Day; Washington's Birthday; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; ~~Columbus~~Heritage Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## **SUMMARY**

This bill changes references to the federally named Columbus Day to Heritage Day for use in the State.