

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 136 - L.D. 183

An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051, as amended by PL 2019, c. 59, §1 and c. 475, §49, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1051. Legal holidays

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; Juneteenth, June 19th; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Indigenous Peoples 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 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 must be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days named in this section.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §59 is enacted to read:

§59. Juneteenth established as state holiday

The State designates June 19th of each year as Juneteenth and as a state holiday. All nonessential state offices must be closed on Juneteenth.

Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶F-1 is enacted to read:

F-1. June 19th, Juneteenth;

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. Juneteenth, June 19th;