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An Act To Designate Election Day as an Official State Holiday

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CASAVANT of Biddeford, EVANGELOS of
Friendship, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, JONES of Freedom, RUSSELL of Portland,
VEROW of Brewer, Senator: MAZUREK of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §13;
3 c. 787, §2; and c. 819, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

4 **§1051. Legal holidays**

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

19 **Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶I-1** is enacted to read:

20 I-1. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, Election Day;

21 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

22 E-1. Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November;

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill designates Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
25 November, as a state holiday.