
HOUSE BILL 1803

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1 AN ACT Relating to holidays; amending RCW 28A.150.050; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 1.16.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.16.050 and 1991 sp.s. c 20 s 1 and 1991 c 57 s 2 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of
7 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,
8 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,
9 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to
10 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and
11 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial
12 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration
13 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor
14 Day; the day on which a general election is held throughout the state
15 during an even-numbered year; the eleventh day of November, to be known
16 as Veterans' Day; the fourth Thursday in November, to be known as
17 Thanksgiving Day; the day immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and
18 the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day.

1 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except
2 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees
3 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are
4 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than
5 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per
6 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each
7 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day
8 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided
9 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines
10 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in
11 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the
12 legislative authority.

13 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
14 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
15 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
16 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts
17 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
18 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
19 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

20 Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,
21 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

22 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
23 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

24 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
25 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
26 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of
27 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
28 government legislative authority.

29 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be
30 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday
31 for any purposes.

32 The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be
33 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be
34 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

35 The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall
36 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall
37 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

1 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be
2 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be
3 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.150.050 and 1989 c 233 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The following are school holidays, and school shall not be taught
7 on these days: Sunday; the first day of January, commonly called New
8 Year's Day; the third Monday of January, being celebrated as the
9 anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.; the third Monday
10 in February to be known as Presidents' Day and to be celebrated as the
11 anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington; the
12 last Monday in May, commonly known as Memorial Day; the fourth day of
13 July, being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; the
14 first Monday in September, to be known as Labor Day; the day on which
15 a general election is held throughout the state during an even-numbered
16 year; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day, the
17 fourth Thursday in November, commonly known as Thanksgiving Day; the
18 day immediately following Thanksgiving Day; the twenty-fifth day of
19 December, commonly called Christmas Day: PROVIDED, That no reduction
20 from the teacher's time or salary shall be made by reason of the fact
21 that a school day happens to be one of the days referred to in this
22 section as a day on which school shall not be taught.

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