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# House Bill 5486

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Committee on Government Organization]

1    A BILL to amend and reenact §2-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to

2        adding Juneteenth to the list of legal holidays and providing when it should be observed if it

3        falls on a Sunday.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.

**§2-2-1. Legal holidays; official acts or court proceedings.**

1    (a) The following days are legal holidays:

2    (1) January 1 is "New Year's Day";

3    (2) The third Monday of January is "Martin Luther King's Birthday";

4    (3) The third Monday of February is "Presidents' Day";

5    (4) The last Monday in May is "Memorial Day";

6    (5) June 20 is "West Virginia Day";

7    (6) The 19th day of June is "Juneteenth Day";

8    (6)(7) July 4 is "Independence Day";

9    (7)(8) The first Monday of September is "Labor Day";

10    (8)(9) The second Monday of October is "Columbus Day";

11    (9)(10) November 11 is "Veterans' Day";

12    (10)(11) The fourth Thursday of November is "Thanksgiving Day";

13    (11)(12) The day after Thanksgiving Day is "Lincoln's Day";

14    (12)(13) December 25 is "Christmas Day";

15    (13)(14) Any day on which a general, primary, or special election is held is a holiday

16    throughout the state, a political subdivision of the state, a district or an incorporated city, town or

17    village in which the election is conducted;

18    (14)(15) General election day on even years shall be designated Susan B. Anthony Day, in

19    accordance with the provisions of §2-2-1a of this code; and

20    ~~(15)~~(16) Any day proclaimed or ordered by the Governor or the President of the United

21    States as a day of special observance or Thanksgiving, or a day for the general cessation of

22    business, is a holiday.

23    (b) If a holiday otherwise described in subsection (a) of this section falls on a Sunday, then

24    the following Monday is the legal holiday. If a holiday otherwise described in subsection (a) of this

25    section falls on a Saturday, then the preceding Friday is the legal holiday: *Provided,* That ~~this~~

26    ~~subsection (b)~~ §2-2-1(b) of this code shall not apply to subdivisions ~~(13), (14) and (15)~~ §2-2-

27    1(a)(14), §2-2-1(a)(15), or §2-2-1(a)(16) of this code; *Provided, however,* That if Juneteenth falls

28    on a Sunday, it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday.

29    (c) Any day or part thereof designated by the Governor as time off, without charge against

30    accrued annual leave, for state employees statewide may also be time off for county employees if

31    the county commission elects to designate the day or part thereof as time off, without charge

32    against accrued annual leave for county employees. Any entire or part statewide day off

33    designated by the Governor may, for all courts, be treated as if it were a legal holiday.

34    (d) In computing any period of time prescribed by any applicable provision of this code or

35    any legislative rule or other administrative rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to the

36    provisions of this code, the day of the act, event, default or omission from which the applicable

37    period begins to run is not included. The last day of the period so computed is included, unless it is

38    a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday or a designated day off in which event the prescribed period

39    of time runs until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or designated

40    day off.

41    (e) If any applicable provision of this code or any legislative rule or other administrative rule

42    or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this code designates a particular date on,

43    before or after which an act, event, default or omission is required or allowed to occur, and if the

44    particular date designated falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or designated day off, then

45  the date on which the act, event, default or omission is required or allowed to occur is the next day

46  that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or designated day off.

47      (f) With regard to the courts of this state, the computation of periods of time, the specific

48  dates or days when an act, event, default or omission is required or allowed to occur and the

49  relationship of those time periods and dates to Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, or days

50  designated as weather or other emergency days pursuant to §2-2-2 of this code are governed by

51  rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

52      (g) The provisions of this section do not increase or diminish the legal school holidays

53  provided            in            §18A-5-2            of            this            code.


NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add Juneteenth to the list of legal holidays and describing when it should be observed if it falls on a Sunday

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.