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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/1-6

30 ILCS 500/15-45

105 ILCS 5/24-2

205 ILCS 630/17

from Ch. 17, par. 2201

Amends the Election Code, the Illinois Procurement Code, the School Code, and the Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act to designate the first day following the beginning of Ramadan as a State holiday. Makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 15. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 1-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/1-6)

7 Sec. 1-6. Computing dates of various acts; Saturday,
8 Sunday, and holidays.

9 (a) If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act
10 required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a
11 Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the
12 first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as
13 the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election
14 authority or local election official conducts business on the
15 State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.

16 (b) For the purposes of this Section, "State holiday"
17 means New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday,
18 Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Casimir Pulaski's
19 Birthday, the first day following the beginning of Ramadan,
20 Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Freedom Day,
21 Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day,
22 Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day from time
23 to time declared by the President of the United States or the

1 Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of
2 the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business
3 with the public shall be closed for business.

4 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code,
5 nominating papers, petitions of objection to nominating
6 papers, certificates of withdrawal of candidacy, and reports
7 of political committees actually received by election
8 authorities and local election officials on a State holiday, a
9 Saturday, or a Sunday shall not be deemed invalid or defective
10 for that reason alone.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)

12 Section 20. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
13 changing Section 15-45 as follows:

14 (30 ILCS 500/15-45)

15 Sec. 15-45. Computation of days. The time within which any
16 act provided in this Code is to be done shall be computed by
17 excluding the first day and including the last, unless the
18 last day is Saturday or Sunday or is a holiday, and then it
19 shall also be excluded. If the day succeeding a Saturday,
20 Sunday, or holiday is also a holiday, a Saturday, or a Sunday,
21 then that succeeding day shall also be excluded. For the
22 purposes of this Code, "holiday" means: New Year's Day; Dr.
23 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Lincoln's Birthday;
24 President's Day; the first day following the beginning of

1 Ramadan; Memorial Day; Juneteenth National Freedom Day;
2 Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans' Day;
3 Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Day; and any other day from time
4 to time declared by the President of the United States or the
5 Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of
6 the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business
7 with the public shall be closed for business.

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
9 contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known as
10 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
11 State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General
12 Assembly.

13 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20; 102-14, eff. 1-1-22;
14 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)

15 Section 25. The School Code is amended by changing Section
16 24-2 as follows:

17 (105 ILCS 5/24-2)

18 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

19 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,
20 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
21 shall teachers, educational support personnel employees, or
22 other school employees, other than noncertificated school
23 employees whose presence is necessary because of an emergency
24 or for the continued operation and maintenance of school

1 facilities or property, be required to work on legal school
2 holidays, which are January 1, New Year's Day; the third
3 Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
4 Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln;
5 the first Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's
6 birthday); the first day following the beginning of Ramadan;
7 Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal
8 law; June 19, Juneteenth National Freedom Day; July 4,
9 Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day;
10 the second Monday in October, Columbus Day; November 11,
11 Veterans' Day; the Thursday in November commonly called
12 Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day. School
13 boards may grant special holidays whenever in their judgment
14 such action is advisable. No deduction shall be made from the
15 time or compensation of a school employee, including an
16 educational support personnel employee, on account of any
17 legal or special holiday in which that employee would have
18 otherwise been scheduled to work but for the legal or special
19 holiday.

20 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for
21 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code
22 is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,
23 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third
24 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
25 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);
26 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's

1 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and
2 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

3 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are
4 recognized through instructional activities conducted on
5 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,
6 on the first school day preceding or following that day;
7 and

8 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority
9 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The
10 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing
11 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth
12 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the
13 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony
14 from educators and parents about the proposal.

15 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
16 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
17 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays
18 are: January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali), January 28 (to
19 be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a
20 commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the birthday
21 of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans' Day),
22 September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), September 17
23 (Constitution Day), the school day immediately preceding
24 Veterans' Day (Korean War Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling
25 Day), October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance
26 Day), December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so

1 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may
2 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment
3 such action is advisable. School boards shall include
4 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
5 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time
6 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when
7 such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of
8 Education shall prepare and make available to school boards
9 instructional materials relative to commemorated persons,
10 activities, or events which may be used by school boards in
11 conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this
12 paragraph.

13 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe
14 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday
15 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to
16 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive
17 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late
18 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.
19 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be
20 observed on the following Monday.

21 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to
22 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known
23 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
24 the State pursuant to Public Act 101-642. All government
25 offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be
26 closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election

1 day services or as a polling place.

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
3 contrary, November 8, 2022 shall be a State holiday known as
4 2022 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the
5 State under Public Act 102-15.

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
7 contrary, November 5, 2024 shall be a State holiday known as
8 2024 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
9 this State pursuant to Public Act 103-467.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-15, eff. 6-17-21;
11 102-334, eff. 8-9-21; 102-411, eff. 1-1-22; 102-813, eff.
12 5-13-22; 103-15, eff. 7-1-23; 103-395, eff. 1-1-24; 103-467,
13 eff. 8-4-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

14 Section 30. The Promissory Note and Bank Holiday Act is
15 amended by changing Section 17 as follows:

16 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

17 Sec. 17. Holidays.

18 (a) The following days shall be legal holidays in the
19 State of Illinois upon which day a bank may, but is not
20 required to, remain closed:

21 the first day of January (New Year's Day);

22 the third Monday in January (observance of Martin Luther
23 King, Jr.'s birthday);

24 the twelfth day in February (Abraham Lincoln's birthday);

1 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);
2 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir Pulaski's
3 birthday);
4 the first day following the beginning of Ramadan
5 (observance of the first day of Ramadan);
6 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);
7 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);
8 the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth National Freedom
9 Day);
10 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);
11 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);
12 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);
13 the eleventh day of November (Veterans' Day);
14 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);
15 the twenty-fifth day in December (Christmas Day);
16 the days upon which the general elections for members of
17 the House of Representatives are held, and any day proclaimed
18 by the Governor of this State as a legal holiday. From 12
19 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight of each Saturday shall be
20 considered a half holiday. In addition to such holidays and
21 half-holidays, a bank may select one day of the week to remain
22 closed, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

23 (b) Any bank doing business within this State may select
24 any one day of the week to remain closed on a regular basis
25 upon adoption of a resolution by the board of directors of such
26 bank designating the day selected and upon filing and

1 publishing a copy of such resolution as hereinafter required.
2 Any such resolution shall be deemed effective for the purpose
3 of this Section only when a copy thereof, certified by an
4 officer having charge of the records of such bank, is filed
5 with the Recorder of the county in which such bank is located
6 and published once each week for 3 successive weeks in a
7 newspaper of general circulation in such county. Such
8 publication shall be accomplished by, and at the expense of,
9 the bank, and the bank shall submit to the Commissioner of
10 Banks and Real Estate such evidence of the publication as the
11 Commissioner shall deem appropriate. Any such selection shall
12 remain in full force and effect until a copy of the later
13 resolution of the board of directors of such bank, certified
14 in like manner, terminating or altering any such prior
15 selection shall be filed and published in the same manner as
16 such prior resolution.

17 (c) If an occasion arises when a state bank wishes to
18 remain closed on a particular day, other than a day on which
19 the bank has selected to remain closed on a regular basis as
20 provided in this Section, such state bank may remain closed on
21 such an occasion after first sending to the Commissioner a
22 copy of a resolution adopted by the board of directors
23 authorizing the bank to remain closed on such occasion and
24 notice of the intent to remain closed on such occasion shall be
25 conspicuously posted in the lobby of the main banking office
26 and any branches of such bank for at least 3 weeks in advance

1 of such occasion. Any day which any bank doing business within
2 the State shall select to remain closed pursuant to this
3 Section shall, with respect to such bank, be treated and
4 considered as a Sunday.

5 (d) All legal holidays, the half holidays and any day
6 selected by a bank doing business within the State to remain
7 closed, shall, for all purposes whatsoever, as regards the
8 presenting for payment or acceptance, the maturity and
9 protesting and giving of notice of the dishonor of bills of
10 exchange, bank checks and promissory notes and other
11 negotiable or commercial paper or instrument, be treated and
12 considered as a Sunday. When any such holidays, except
13 Juneteenth National Freedom Day, fall on Sunday, the Monday
14 next following shall be held and considered such holiday. All
15 notes, bills, drafts, checks or other evidence of
16 indebtedness, falling due or maturing on either of such days,
17 shall be deemed as due or maturing upon the day following, and
18 when 2 or more of these days come together, or immediately
19 succeeding each other, then such instruments, paper or
20 indebtedness shall be deemed as due or having matured on the
21 day following the last of such days.

22 (e) Any act authorized, required or permitted to be
23 performed at or by or with respect to any bank doing business
24 within the State on a day which it has selected to remain
25 closed under this Section may be so performed on the next
26 succeeding business day and no liability or loss of rights of

1 any kind shall result from such delay.

2 (f) Nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the
3 validity of, or render void or voidable, the payment,
4 certification, or acceptance of a check or other negotiable
5 instrument, or any other transaction by a bank in this State,
6 because done or performed on any Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or
7 any day selected by a bank to remain closed, or during any time
8 other than regular banking hours; but no bank in this State,
9 which by law or custom is entitled to remain open or to close
10 for the whole or any part of any day selected by it to remain
11 open or to close, is compelled to close, or to remain open for
12 the transaction of business or to perform any of the acts or
13 transactions aforesaid except at its own option.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-334, eff. 8-9-21.)