

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 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
5 adding Section 57 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/57 new)

7 Sec. 57. Lunar New Year. The date corresponding with the
8 second new moon following the winter solstice, or the third
9 new moon following the winter solstice should an intercalary
10 month intervene, is a holiday to be observed throughout the
11 State and to be known as Lunar New Year. When Lunar New Year
12 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday shall be
13 held and considered the holiday.

14 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing Section
15 24-2 as follows:

16 (105 ILCS 5/24-2)

17 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

18 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,
19 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,
20 shall teachers, educational support personnel employees, or
21 other school employees, other than noncertificated school

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

24 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for
25 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code
26 is authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,

1 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third
2 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,
3 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);
4 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's
5 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and
6 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

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

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

19 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
20 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
21 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays
22 are: January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali), January 28 (to
23 be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a
24 commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the birthday
25 of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans' Day),
26 September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), September 17

1 (Constitution Day), the school day immediately preceding
2 Veterans' Day (Korean War Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling
3 Day), October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance
4 Day), December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so
5 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may
6 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment
7 such action is advisable. School boards shall include
8 instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or
9 events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time
10 during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when
11 such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of
12 Education shall prepare and make available to school boards
13 instructional materials relative to commemorated persons,
14 activities, or events which may be used by school boards in
15 conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this
16 paragraph.

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

25 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to
26 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known

1 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
2 the State pursuant to Public Act 101-642. All government
3 offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be
4 closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election
5 day services or as a polling place.

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

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the
11 contrary, November 5, 2024 shall be a State holiday known as
12 2024 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout
13 this State pursuant to Public Act 103-467.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-14, eff. 1-1-22; 102-15, eff. 6-17-21;
15 102-334, eff. 8-9-21; 102-411, eff. 1-1-22; 102-813, eff.
16 5-13-22; 103-15, eff. 7-1-23; 103-395, eff. 1-1-24; 103-467,
17 eff. 8-4-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)