

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, LANDRY, AND GLOVER AND SENATORS  
BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CONNICK, JACKSON, LUNEAU,  
AND PRICE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (7), (B)(2), (D), and (E)(1)(a)(i), relative to legal  
3 holidays; to provide for the removal of certain holidays; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (7), (B)(2), (D), and (E)(1)(a)(i) are hereby amended  
7 and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §55. Days of public rest, legal holidays, and half-holidays

9 A. The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays and  
10 half-holidays:

11 (1) The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays: Sundays;  
12 January 1, New Year's Day; January 8, Battle of New Orleans; the third Monday in  
13 January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; ~~January 19, Robert E. Lee Day~~; third  
14 Monday in February, Washington's Birthday; and Presidents' Day; the day of Mardi  
15 Gras; Good Friday; the last Monday in May, National Memorial Day; ~~June 3,~~  
16 ~~Confederate Memorial Day~~; July 4, Independence Day; August 30, Huey P. Long  
17 Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October,  
18 Christopher Columbus Day; November 1, All Saints' Day; November 11, Veterans'  
19 Day; the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day; December 25, Christmas  
20 Day; Inauguration Day in the city of Baton Rouge; provided, however, that in the  
21 parish of Orleans, the city of Baton Rouge, in each of the parishes comprising the

1 second and sixth congressional districts, except the parish of Ascension, and in each  
2 of the parishes comprising the fourteenth and thirty-first judicial districts of the state,  
3 the whole of every Saturday shall be a legal holiday, and in the parishes of  
4 Catahoula, Caldwell, West Carroll, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison,  
5 Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, Jackson, Avoyelles, West Feliciana,  
6 Rapides, Natchitoches, Grant, LaSalle, Winn, Lincoln, and East Baton Rouge, the  
7 whole of every Saturday shall be a holiday for all banking institutions, and in the  
8 parishes of Sabine and Vernon each Wednesday and Saturday, from 12:00 o'clock  
9 noon until 12:00 o'clock midnight, shall be a half-holiday for all banking institutions.  
10 All banks and trust companies, however, may, each at its option, remain open and  
11 exercise all of its regular banking functions and duties upon January 8; Dr. Martin  
12 Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; January 19; Washington's Birthday; Presidents' Day;  
13 Good Friday; National Memorial Day; June 3; August 30; Christopher Columbus  
14 Day; November 1; and Veterans' Day; and all banks and trust companies located in  
15 Ward 1 of the parish of Avoyelles may, each at its option, remain open and exercise  
16 all of its regular banking functions and duties until 12 o'clock noon on Saturdays;  
17 however, when on any of said last named days any bank or trust company does  
18 actually remain open it shall, as to transactions on such day, to exactly the same  
19 extent as if such day were not otherwise a legal holiday, be not subject to any of the  
20 provisions of R.S. 7:85 and 251 or any other laws of Louisiana covering the matters  
21 of maturity of negotiable instruments and demand, notice, presentment, acceptance,  
22 or protest thereof on legal holidays and half-holidays, and all instruments payable to  
23 or at such bank upon such day shall become due on such day; and provided, further,  
24 that the option of remaining open shall not, except as otherwise provided in this  
25 Paragraph, apply to Saturdays or Wednesdays which are holidays or half-holidays,  
26 or to Mardi Gras when the same has been declared a legal holiday; and provided still  
27 further that nothing in any law of this state shall in any manner whatsoever affect the  
28 validity of or render void or voidable the payment, certification, or acceptance of a  
29 check or other negotiable instrument or any other transaction by a bank in Louisiana  
30 because done on any holiday or half-holiday or because done on any day upon which

1 such bank, if remaining open because of the option given it herein, if the payment,  
2 certification, acceptance, or other transaction could have been validly done on any  
3 other day.

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5 (7) The third Monday in February, the birthday of President George  
6 Washington and Presidents' Day, for public schools; provided however, that a local  
7 school board shall decide to observe this holiday during a regularly scheduled school  
8 day with or without the necessity of adjourning school for all or any portion of the  
9 school day.

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11 B. Legal holidays shall be observed by the departments of the state as  
12 follows:

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14 (2) ~~Robert E. Lee Day~~, Washington's Birthday, Presidents' Day and National  
15 Memorial Day, ~~Confederate Memorial Day~~, and Huey P. Long Day shall be observed  
16 only in such manner as the governor may proclaim, considering the pressure of the  
17 state's business; ~~however, not more than two such legal holidays shall be proclaimed~~  
18 ~~in any one year, one of which shall be National Memorial Day.~~

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20 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 6:65 or any other law to the  
21 contrary, all banking institutions and savings and loan associations located within the  
22 parishes of Terrebonne, Lafourche, Iberia, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, St.  
23 Mary, and Iberville, and all banking institutions located within the parishes of  
24 Lafayette and St. Landry, shall be closed during any year on Saturdays, Sundays,  
25 New Year's Day, Mardi Gras, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and  
26 Christmas; provided, however, that when New Year's Day, Independence Day or  
27 Christmas fall on a Sunday, said banking institutions and savings and loan  
28 associations shall be closed on the next day, and said financial institutions may, each  
29 at its option, remain open and exercise all of its regular functions and duties upon  
30 January eighth; January nineteenth; the third Monday in February, Washington's

1            Birthday; and Presidents' Day; Good Friday; the last Monday in May, National  
2            Memorial Day; June third; August thirtieth; the second Monday in October,  
3            Christopher Columbus Day; November first; and November eleventh, Veterans' Day;  
4            and further provided that when on any of said last named days any said financial  
5            institution does actually remain open it shall, as to transactions on such day, to  
6            exactly the same extent as if such day were not otherwise a legal holiday, ~~be not~~ be  
7            subject to any of the provisions of R.S. 7:85 and 251, or any other laws of Louisiana,  
8            covering the matters of maturity of negotiable instruments and demands, notice,  
9            presentment, acceptance or protest thereof on legal holidays and half-holidays, and  
10           all instruments payable to or at such bank upon such day shall become due on such  
11           day; and provided further that the option of remaining open shall not apply to  
12           Saturdays or Wednesdays which are holidays or half-holidays, or to Mardi Gras  
13           when the same has been declared a legal holiday; and provided further that nothing  
14           in any law of this state shall in any manner whatsoever affect the validity of, or  
15           render void or voidable, the payment, certification of acceptance of a check or other  
16           negotiable instrument, or any other transaction by a bank in Louisiana because done  
17           on any holiday or half-holiday or because done on any day upon which such  
18           financial institution if remaining open because of the option given it herein, if the  
19           payment, certification, acceptance, or other transaction could have been validly done  
20           on any other day, provided, however, that in the parishes of Beauregard, Sabine,  
21           Vernon, Evangeline and DeSoto the banking institutions may elect to make the  
22           whole of Saturdays holidays and close, in lieu of half-holidays on Wednesdays and  
23           half-holidays on Saturdays.

24                    E.(1)(a)(i) Each clerk of a district court, parish court, and city court shall  
25                    close his office on the following days: New Year's Day, January first; Washington's  
26                    Birthday, and Presidents' Day, the third Monday in February; Good Friday;  
27                    Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; the Fourth of July; Labor Day, the first  
28                    Monday in September; All Saints' Day, November first; Veterans' Day, November  
29                    eleventh; Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November, and the next day,

1 Friday; Christmas Eve Day; Christmas Day; and New Year's Eve Day, December thirty-first.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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