
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 61 by Representative Bayham

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(A)(1)
3 and (7), (B)(2), (D) and (E)(1)(a)(i) and to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, after "holidays;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide relative to
6 Presidents' Day"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 5, after "Section 1." and before "R.S. 1:58.10", insert "R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and
9 (7), (B)(2), (D) and (E)(1)(a)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted and"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

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

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

15 (1) The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays: Sundays;
16 January 1, New Year's Day; January 8, Battle of New Orleans; the third Monday in
17 January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; the third Monday in February,
18 Washington's Birthday and ~~Presidents' Day~~; the day of Mardi Gras; Good Friday; the
19 last Monday in May, National Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; August 30,
20 Huey P. Long Day; the first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday
21 in October, Christopher Columbus Day; November 1, All Saints' Day; November 11,
22 Veterans' Day; the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day; December 25,
23 Christmas Day; Inauguration Day in the city of Baton Rouge; provided, however,
24 that in the parish of Orleans, the city of Baton Rouge, in each of the parishes
25 comprising the second and sixth congressional districts, except the parish of
26 Ascension, and in each of the parishes comprising the fourteenth and thirty-first
27 judicial districts of the state, the whole of every Saturday shall be a legal holiday,
28 and in the parishes of Catahoula, Caldwell, West Carroll, Concordia, East Carroll,
29 Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, Jackson,
30 Avoyelles, West Feliciana, Rapides, Natchitoches, Grant, LaSalle, Winn, Lincoln,
31 and East Baton Rouge, the whole of every Saturday shall be a holiday for all banking
32 institutions, and in the parishes of Sabine and Vernon each Wednesday and Saturday,
33 from 12:00 o'clock noon until 12:00 o'clock midnight, shall be a half-holiday for all
34 banking institutions. All banks and trust companies, however, may, each at its
35 option, remain open and exercise all of its regular banking functions and duties upon
36 January 8; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; January 19; Washington's
37 Birthday; ~~Presidents' Day~~; Good Friday; National Memorial Day; June 3; August 30;
38 Christopher Columbus Day; November 1; and Veterans' Day; and all banks and trust
39 companies located in Ward 1 of the parish of Avoyelles may, each at its option,
40 remain open and exercise all of its regular banking functions and duties until 12
41 o'clock noon on Saturdays; however, when on any of said last named days any bank
42 or trust company does actually remain open it shall, as to transactions on such day,
43 to exactly the same extent as if such day were not otherwise a legal holiday, be not

1 subject to any of the provisions of R.S. 7:85 and 251 or any other laws of Louisiana
2 covering the matters of maturity of negotiable instruments and demand, notice,
3 presentment, acceptance, or protest thereof on legal holidays and half-holidays, and
4 all instruments payable to or at such bank upon such day shall become due on such
5 day; and provided, further, that the option of remaining open shall not, except as
6 otherwise provided in this Paragraph, apply to Saturdays or Wednesdays which are
7 holidays or half-holidays, or to Mardi Gras when the same has been declared a legal
8 holiday; and provided still further that nothing in any law of this state shall in any
9 manner whatsoever affect the validity of or render void or voidable the payment,
10 certification, or acceptance of a check or other negotiable instrument or any other
11 transaction by a bank in Louisiana because done on any holiday or half-holiday or
12 because done on any day upon which such bank, if remaining open because of the
13 option given it in this Paragraph, if the payment, certification, acceptance, or other
14 transaction could have been validly done on any other day.

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

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22 B. Legal holidays shall be observed by the departments of the state as
23 follows:

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25 (2) Washington's Birthday, ~~Presidents' Day~~, National Memorial Day, and
26 Huey P. Long Day shall be observed only in such manner as the governor may
27 proclaim, considering the pressure of the state's business.

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29 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 6:65 or any other law to the
30 contrary, all banking institutions and savings and loan associations located within the
31 parishes of Terrebonne, Lafourche, Iberia, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, St.
32 Mary, and Iberville, and all banking institutions located within the parishes of
33 Lafayette and St. Landry, shall be closed during any year on Saturdays, Sundays,
34 New Year's Day, Mardi Gras, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and
35 Christmas; provided, however, that when New Year's Day, Independence Day, or
36 Christmas fall on a Sunday, said banking institutions and savings and loan
37 associations shall be closed on the next day, and said financial institutions may, each
38 at its option, remain open and exercise all of its regular functions and duties upon
39 January eighth; January nineteenth; the third Monday in February, Washington's
40 Birthday and ~~Presidents' Day~~; Good Friday; the last Monday in May, National
41 Memorial Day; June third; August thirtieth; the second Monday in October,
42 Christopher Columbus Day; November first; and November eleventh, Veterans' Day;
43 and further provided that when on any of said last named days any said financial
44 institution does actually remain open it shall, as to transactions on such day, to
45 exactly the same extent as if such day were not otherwise a legal holiday, not be
46 subject to any of the provisions of R.S. 7:85 and 251, or any other laws of Louisiana,
47 covering the matters of maturity of negotiable instruments and demands, notice,
48 presentment, acceptance, or protest thereof on legal holidays and half-holidays, and
49 all instruments payable to or at such bank upon such day shall become due on such
50 day; and provided further that the option of remaining open shall not apply to
51 Saturdays or Wednesdays which are holidays or half-holidays, or to Mardi Gras
52 when the same has been declared a legal holiday; and provided further that nothing
53 in any law of this state shall in any manner whatsoever affect the validity of, or
54 render void or voidable, the payment, certification of acceptance of a check or other
55 negotiable instrument, or any other transaction by a bank in Louisiana because done
56 on any holiday or half-holiday or because done on any day upon which such
57 financial institution if remaining open because of the option given it in this
58 Subsection, if the payment, certification, acceptance, or other transaction could have
59 been validly done on any other day, provided, however, that in the parishes of

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 Beaugard, Sabine, Vernon, Evangeline, and DeSoto, the banking institutions may
 2 elect to make the whole of Saturdays holidays and close, in lieu of half-holidays on
 3 Wednesdays and half-holidays on Saturdays.
 4 E.(1)(a)(i) Each clerk of a district court, parish court, and city court shall
 5 close his office on the following days: New Year's Day, January first; Washington's
 6 Birthday ~~and Presidents' Day~~, the third Monday in February; Good Friday; Memorial
 7 Day, the last Monday in May; the Fourth of July; Labor Day, the first Monday in
 8 September; All Saints' Day, November first; Veterans' Day, November eleventh;
 9 Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November, and the next day, Friday;
 10 Christmas Eve Day; Christmas Day; and New Year's Eve Day, December thirty-first.
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12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

14 "A. To commemorate the stunning victory by American forces consisting of
 15 United States army regulars, marines, and sailors, area militia, and Battalions of Free
 16 Men of Color, Baratarian privateers, Attakapas dragoons, volunteers from
 17 Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi (Hinds' Dragoons), Choctaws, and individuals
 18 who were formerly Spanish subjects and French citizens who fought for their new
 19 country under the command of Major General Andrew Jackson against the invading
 20 British forces on the plains of Chalmette in the last major military engagement
 21 between the United States and Great Britain in the War of 1812."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 6

23 On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, insert "B."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 7

25 On page 1, at the end of line 9, insert "The governor or local governing authorities may
 26 declare the Battle of New Orleans Day a holiday."