

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 61****2026 Regular Session****Bayham**

HOLIDAYS: Creates the holiday of the Battle of New Orleans Day

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Delete references to repealed statutes.
2. Provide that if a holiday is declared and election functions are required, the office of the secretary of state, clerk of court, and registrar of voters will remain open.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for days of public rest and legal holidays including George Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day.

Proposed law retains present law with regard to Washington's Birthday but deletes all references to Presidents' Day.

Proposed law designates Jan. 8th as the Battle of New Orleans Day to honor those who served in this historic battle where American forces represented by volunteers from numerous military backgrounds scored a stunning victory over Great Britain in the War of 1812.

Proposed law permits the governor or local governing authority to declare the Battle of New Orleans a holiday. Further provides that if the holiday is declared, the office of the secretary of state, clerk of court, and registrar of voters are to remain open if the functions and duties of the office related to an election are required as determined by the commissioner of elections.

(Amends R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (7), (B)(2), (D), and (E)(1)(a)(i); Adds R.S. 1:58.10)