

House Bill 116

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Schofield of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 holidays and observances, so as to revise the holidays observed in Georgia; to designate the  
3 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each year as a state holiday; to provide  
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and  
8 observances, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating  
9 to public and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically  
10 provided for, as follows:

11 "(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

12 (1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 2022, as public and legal  
13 holidays by the federal government; ~~and~~

14 (2) The Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each year; and

15 ~~(2)(3)~~ All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal  
16 holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. In such

17 designation, the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19,  
18 April 26, ~~or June 3~~, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events  
19 now observed by such dates.

20 (b) The Governor shall close all state offices and facilities a minimum of 13 days  
21 throughout the year and not more than 13 days in observance of the public and legal  
22 holidays and other days set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section and shall specify the  
23 days state offices and facilities shall be closed for such observances."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.