

Senate Bill 79

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Esteves of the 6th, Parent of the 42nd and others

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 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 subsection (a) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating to public
9 and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided
10 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 (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,

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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."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.