

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1531

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state holidays; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Sections 82.1, 82.2, and 82.4, which relate to state holidays; designating certain state holiday; conforming language; changing certain date; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 82.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 82.1. A. The designation and dates of holidays in ~~Oklahoma~~ this state shall be as follows: Each Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day on the 1st day of January, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday on the third Monday in January, Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February, Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, Juneteenth National Freedom Day on the 19th day of June, Independence Day on the 4th day of July, Labor Day on the first Monday in September, Veterans' Day on the 11th day of November, Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November, the day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas on the 25th day of December, the day before or after Christmas if Christmas is not on a Saturday or

1 Sunday, the Thursday and Friday before Christmas if Christmas is on
2 a Saturday, the Monday and Tuesday after Christmas, if Christmas is
3 on a Sunday; and if any of such holidays other than Christmas ~~fall~~
4 falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a holiday in that
5 year and if any of such holidays other than Christmas ~~fall~~ falls on
6 Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be a holiday in that year.

7 B. The Governor shall issue an ~~Executive Order~~ executive order
8 each year specifying the dates on which the holidays other than
9 Saturdays and Sundays designated in subsection A of this section
10 occur. If the President of the United States declares any day other
11 than those listed in subsection A of this section as a national
12 holiday, the Governor may issue an ~~Executive Order~~ executive order
13 declaring such day a state holiday.

14 C. Any act authorized, required, or permitted to be performed
15 on a holiday as designated in subsection A of this section may be
16 performed on the next succeeding business day, and no liability or
17 loss of rights of any kind shall result from such delay.

18 D. State employees, except for temporary and other limited term
19 employees, shall be entitled to a day off work without loss of pay
20 on those holidays specified in an ~~Executive Order~~ executive order
21 issued by the Governor pursuant to subsection B of this section.
22 Those state employees, except for temporary and other limited term
23 employees, who are required to work on a holiday specified in
24 subsection B of this section shall be entitled to a day off work,

1 without loss of pay, on an alternative date or payment in lieu
2 thereof at the discretion of the appointing authority and in
3 accordance with rules of the Director of the Office of Management
4 and Enterprise Services.

5 E. For the purposes of this section, "holiday" means that
6 agencies whose mission does not require them to be open for business
7 every day of the year shall be closed for official business.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 82.2, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 82.2. The following additional days are designated as
11 holidays:

12 Jefferson Day on the 13th day of April; Oklahoma Day on the 22nd
13 day of April; Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May; ~~June~~
14 ~~National Freedom Day on the third Saturday in June;~~ Indian Day on
15 the first Saturday after the full moon in September; Cherokee Strip
16 Day on the 16th day of September; Will Rogers Day on the 4th day of
17 November; Citizenship Recognition Day on such date as may be fixed
18 by the Governor; Oklahoma Historical Day on the 10th day of October;
19 Senior Citizens' Week beginning with the first Sunday in the month
20 of May; Senior Citizens' Day the Wednesday of Senior Citizens' Week;
21 Grandparents' Week beginning with the second Sunday in September;
22 Youth Day on the third Sunday in March each year; each day in which
23 a state election is held throughout ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this
24 state; and such other days as may be designated by the President of

1 the United States or the Governor ~~of the State of Oklahoma.~~

2 Notwithstanding the day designated for Veterans' Day by Section 82.1
3 of this title, any bank, savings and loan association, or credit
4 union may observe the fourth Monday in October as Veterans' Day.
5 Any act authorized, required, or permitted to be performed on any
6 holiday as designated in this section may and shall be performed on
7 ~~said~~ such day the same as on any business day; provided, any state,
8 national or federal reserve bank, building and loan association,
9 credit union, state, federal, county or municipal office may close
10 on any day designated in this section as a holiday, and, upon such
11 bank, building and loan association, credit union, or public office
12 being closed on such day, any act authorized, required, or permitted
13 to be performed at or by such bank, building and loan association,
14 credit union, public office or public official may be performed on
15 the next succeeding business day and no liability or loss of rights
16 of any kind shall result from such delay.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 82.4, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 82.4. The ~~third Saturday in~~ 19th day of June of each
20 year is hereby declared an official holiday, to be known as
21 "Juneteenth National Freedom Day".

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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