

Existing law provides that insofar as may be practicable in the administration of the government, legal holidays shall be observed by the departments of the state, and no employee shall work on New Year's Day, Mardi Gras Day, Good Friday, Independence Day, Christmas Day, Inauguration Day once in every four years in the city of Baton Rouge, or General Election Day every two years.

Prior law authorized the governor to proclaim two additional legal holidays each year, one of which was required to be National Memorial Day and required that the governor call as a state holiday at least once every two years the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

New law enumerates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a legal holiday required to be observed by the departments of the state and which shall be observed on the third Monday of January of each year or in conjunction with the day of the federal observance.

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(Amends R.S. 1:55(B)(1)(a) and (2))