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## DIGEST

Present law provides that the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Great American Day and Presidents' Day may be called as a holiday for public schools. Present law further provides that should local school boards exercise this option on a regularly scheduled school day, they may do so, with or without the necessity of adjourning school for all or any portion of the day.

Proposed law provides that the third Monday in January, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shall be a legal holiday for all public and parochial schools.

Present law provides that the governor shall call as a legal holiday for the departments of the state, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at least once every two years.

Proposed law establishes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a statewide legal holiday for the departments of the state on the third Monday of January.

Present law authorizes the governor to proclaim Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday as a legal holiday. Requires that the governor proclaim Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday as a legal holiday at least once every two years.

Proposed law designates the third Monday in January Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday as a legal holiday to be observed by the state and prohibits state employees, in so far as practicable in the administration of government, from working on such day.

Present law requires clerks of a district court to close on the day proclaimed by the governor as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, and authorized clerks of city or parish courts to close their offices, with approval of the chief judge, on the day proclaimed by the governor or the local governing authority as a holiday in honor of Dr. King.

Proposed law provides that the third Monday in January is designated as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and requires that the clerk of court offices for district, parish and city courts be closed on that day.

(Amends R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (6), (B)(1) and (2), (D) and (E)(1))