

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL NO. 246

BY SENATOR JONES

HOLIDAYS. Makes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a legal holiday for public schools.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(A)(6), relative to days of public rest and legal
3 holidays; to make Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a legal holiday
4 for public schools; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 1:55(A)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §55. Days of public rest, legal holidays, and half-holidays

9 A. The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays
10 and half-holidays:

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12 (6) **The third Monday in January,** ~~The~~ **the** birthday of Dr.
13 Martin Luther King, Jr. ~~Great American Day and Presidents' Day~~ for
14 public schools; provided however, that a local school board shall
15 decide to observe this holiday during a regularly scheduled school day
16 with or without the necessity of adjourning school for all or any portion

1 of the school day.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Arthur E. McEnany.

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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 retains local school board option as provided in present law, and provides that the third Monday in January, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shall be a legal holiday for all public schools, deleting the designation of that same day as Great American Day and Presidents' Day.

(Amends R.S. 1:55(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Deletes all proposed change except to designate the third Monday in January, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a legal holiday for public schools.
2. Deletes current law also designating the third Monday in January as Great American Day and Presidents' Day.