

STATE HOLIDAY AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

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LONG TITLE

**General Description:**

This bill modifies a provision relating to state holidays.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ excludes Sunday from being considered a state holiday for purposes of legislative annual general sessions; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63G-1-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 39

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **63G-1-301** is amended to read:

**63G-1-301. Legal holidays -- Personal preference day -- Governor authorized to declare additional days.**

(1) (a) The following-named days are legal holidays in this state:

(i) every Sunday, except as provided in Subsection (1)(e);

(ii) January 1, called New Year's Day;

- 30 (iii) the third Monday of January, called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- 31 (iv) the third Monday of February, called Washington and Lincoln Day;
- 32 (v) the last Monday of May, called Memorial Day;
- 33 (vi) July 4, called Independence Day;
- 34 (vii) July 24, called Pioneer Day;
- 35 (viii) the first Monday of September, called Labor Day;
- 36 (ix) the second Monday of October, called Columbus Day;
- 37 (x) November 11, called Veterans Day;
- 38 (xi) the fourth Thursday of November, called Thanksgiving Day;
- 39 (xii) December 25, called Christmas; and
- 40 (xiii) all days which may be set apart by the President of the United States, or the
- 41 governor of this state by proclamation as days of fast or thanksgiving.

42 (b) If any of the holidays under [~~Subsection (1)(a), except the first mentioned, namely~~  
43 ~~Sunday,~~] Subsections (1)(a)(ii) through (xiii) falls on Sunday, then the following Monday shall  
44 be the holiday.

45 (c) If any of the holidays under [~~Subsection (1)(a)~~] Subsections (1)(a)(ii) through (xiii)  
46 falls on Saturday, then the preceding Friday shall be the holiday.

47 (d) Each employee may select one additional day, called Personal Preference Day, to  
48 be scheduled pursuant to rules adopted by the Department of Human Resource Management.

49 (e) For purposes of Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 16, Subsection (1), regarding  
50 the exclusion of state holidays from the 45-day legislative general session, Sunday is not  
51 considered a state holiday.

52 (2) (a) Whenever in the governor's opinion extraordinary conditions exist justifying the  
53 action, the governor may:

54 (i) declare, by proclamation, legal holidays in addition to those holidays under  
55 Subsection (1); and

56 (ii) limit the holidays to certain classes of business and activities to be designated by  
57 the governor.

58           (b) A holiday may not extend for a longer period than 60 consecutive days.

59           (c) Any holiday may be renewed for one or more periods not exceeding 30 days each as  
60 the governor may consider necessary, and any holiday may, by like proclamation, be terminated  
61 before the expiration of the period for which it was declared.