

**STATE HOLIDAY MODIFICATIONS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins**

Senate Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to state holidays.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the State.

**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 2021, Chapters 335 and 344

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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);



28 (ii) January 1, called New Year's Day;  
29 (iii) the third Monday of January, called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;  
30 (iv) the third Monday of February, called Washington and Lincoln Day;  
31 (v) the last Monday of May, called Memorial Day;  
32 (vi) June 19, called Juneteenth National Freedom Day;  
33 [~~(vi)~~] (vii) July 4, called Independence Day;  
34 [~~(vii)~~] (viii) July 24, called Pioneer Day;  
35 [~~(viii)~~] (ix) the first Monday of September, called Labor Day;  
36 [~~(ix)~~] (x) the second Monday of October, called Columbus Day;  
37 [~~(x)~~] (xi) November 11, called Veterans Day;  
38 [~~(xi)~~] (xii) the fourth Thursday of November, called Thanksgiving Day;  
39 [~~(xii)~~] (xiii) December 25, called Christmas; and  
40 [~~(xiii)~~] (xiv) all days which may be set apart by the President of the United States, or  
41 the governor of this state by proclamation as days of fast or thanksgiving.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58 (c) Any holiday may be renewed for one or more periods not exceeding 30 days each as

59 the governor may consider necessary, and any holiday may, by like proclamation, be terminated  
60 before the expiration of the period for which it was declared.