

House Bill 782

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 holidays and observances, so as to revise the number of holidays that are observed in  
3 Georgia; to designate the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of each year  
4 as a state holiday; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and  
9 observances, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating  
10 to public and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically  
11 provided for, as follows:

12 "(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

13 (1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 1984, as public and legal  
14 holidays by the federal government; ~~and~~

15 (2) The Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of each year; and

16 ~~(2)(3)~~ All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal  
17 holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. In such  
18 designation, the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19,  
19 April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events  
20 now observed by such dates.

21 (b) The Governor shall close all state offices and facilities a minimum of ~~12~~ 13 days  
22 throughout the year and not more than ~~12~~ 13 days in observance of the public and legal  
23 holidays and other days set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section and shall specify the  
24 days state offices and facilities shall be closed for such observances."

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**SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.