

Senate Bill 519

By: Senators Williams of the 39th, Jordan of the 6th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 1-4-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public
2 and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided
3 for, so as to designate June 19 of each year as a state holiday of Juneteenth; to remove June 3
4 as a potential state holiday; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

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

14 (2) June 19 of each year, to be designated Juneteenth; and

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

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

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.