

JAN 21 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Juneteenth, also
2 known as Freedom Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, is an
3 American holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865,
4 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more
5 generally, the emancipation of enslaved African Americans
6 throughout the former Confederate states. At the beginning of
7 2020, Hawaii was one of only three states that had not
8 recognized Juneteenth as a state holiday or special day of
9 observance. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to
10 establish June 19 of each year as a state holiday to be known as
11 Juneteenth Day.

12 SECTION 2. Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§8-1 Holidays designated.** The following days of each
15 year are set apart and established as state holidays:

16 The first day in January, New Year's Day;



1 The third Monday in January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
2 Day;

3 The third Monday in February, Presidents' Day;

4 The twenty-sixth day in March, Prince Jonah Kuhio
5 Kalaniana'ole Day;

6 The Friday preceding Easter Sunday, Good Friday;

7 The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;

8 The eleventh day in June, King Kamehameha I Day;

9 The nineteenth day in June, Juneteenth Day;

10 The fourth day in July, Independence Day;

11 The third Friday in August, Statehood Day;

12 The first Monday in September, Labor Day;

13 The eleventh day in November, Veterans' Day;

14 The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day;

15 The twenty-fifth day in December, Christmas Day;

16 All election days, except primary and special election
17 days, in the county wherein the election is held;

18 Any day designated by proclamation by the President of the
19 United States or by the governor as a holiday."

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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S.B. NO. 16

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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Report Title:

State Holiday; Juneteenth

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