
By Mr. Brennan of Boston, petition of Jeremiah F. Brennan that August fourteenth (V. J. Day) be made a legal holiday. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT MAKING AUGUST FOURTEENTH (V. J. DAY) A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 . Clause eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter
3 190 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the word "fourth" in line 3 the words:—
5 , August fourteenth, — and by striking out, in line 6,
6 the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the
7 word:— six, — so as to read as follows:— Eight-
8 eenth, "Legal holiday" shall include January first,
9 February twenty-second, April nineteenth, May thir-
10 tieth, July fourth, August fourteenth, the first Monday
11 of September, October twelfth, November eleventh,
12 Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the day fol-
13 lowing when any of the six days first mentioned,
14 October twelfth, November eleventh, or Christmas
15 day occurs on Sunday; and the public offices shall be
16 closed on all of said days; and all laws, statutes,
17 orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating the
18 observance of the Lord's day shall be applicable to

19 May thirtieth and November eleventh between the
20 hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and one o'clock
21 post meridian, or during the same hours on the day
22 following when May thirtieth or November eleventh
23 occurs on Sunday, except that on May thirtieth, or
24 on the day following when May thirtieth occurs on
25 Sunday, florist shops may be kept open all of said day,
26 and except that on November eleventh, or on the day
27 following when November eleventh occurs on Sunday,
28 hunting during said hours, if otherwise lawful, shall
29 not be prohibited; and all laws, statutes, orders, de-
30 crees, rules and regulations regulating the keeping
31 open of retail stores on the Lord's day shall be ap-
32 plicable to the keeping open of retail stores on October
33 twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock ante merid-
34 ian and one o'clock post meridian, or during the same
35 hours on the day following when October twelfth
36 occurs on Sunday. "Legal holiday" shall also in-
37 clude, with respect to Suffolk county only, March
38 seventeenth and June seventeenth, or the day follow-
39 ing when March seventeenth or June seventeenth
40 occurs on Sunday, and the public offices of the cities
41 of Boston, Chelsea and Revere, the town of Winthrop
42 and the county of Suffolk shall be closed on said March
43 seventeenth or the day following when March seven-
44 teenth occurs on Sunday, and the public offices in said
45 county shall be closed on said June seventeenth or the
46 day following when June seventeenth occurs on
47 Sunday; provided, that the words "legal holiday"
48 as used in section forty-five of chapter one hundred
49 and forty-nine, and the word "holiday" as used in
50 chapter one hundred and seven, shall not include
51 March seventeenth or the day following when March
52 seventeenth occurs on Sunday.