

HOUSE No. 621

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of the Berkshire Hills Conference, Inc., Thomas C. Wojtkowski, Wallace B. Crawford, Patrick E. Callaghan, Warren A. Turner and another for legislation to designate certain Mondays as holidays. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT DESIGNATING CERTAIN MONDAYS AS HOLIDAYS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Clause Eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 140 of the acts of
3 1958, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Eighteenth,
5 “Legal holiday” shall include January first, the third Monday
6 in February to be known as Presidents’ day, the third Monday
7 in April, to be known as Patriots’ day, the last Monday in May,
8 to be observed as Memorial day, July fourth, the first Monday
9 of September, the second Monday in October, to be observed as
10 Columbus day, the second Monday in November, to be observed
11 as Veterans’ day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the
12 day following whenever January first, July fourth, or Christmas
13 day occurs on Sunday, and the public offices shall be closed on
14 all of said days; and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and
15 regulations regulating the observance of the Lord’s day shall be
16 applicable to the last Monday in May and the second Monday
17 in November between the hours of seven o’clock antemeridian
18 and one o’clock postmeridian, except that florist shops may be
19 kept open all of the last Monday in May, and except that on
20 the second Monday in November, hunting during said hours, if
21 otherwise lawful, shall not be prohibited; and all laws, statutes,

22 orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating the keeping open
23 of retail stores on the Lord's day shall be applicable to the keep-
24 ing open of retail stores on the second Monday in October be-
25 tween the hours of seven o'clock antemeridian and one o'clock
26 postmeridian.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 661 of the acts of 1954, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "November
4 eleventh" and inserting in place thereof the words: — the second
5 Monday in November.

1 SECTION 3. Section 12J of said chapter 6, inserted by chapter
2 22 of the acts of 1938, is hereby amended by striking out, in
3 line 3, the words "April nineteenth" and inserting in place
4 thereof the words: — the third Monday in April.

1 SECTION 4. Section 12Q of said chapter 6, inserted by chapter
2 84 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by striking out, in
3 line 3, the words "May thirtieth" and inserting in place thereof
4 the words: — the last Monday in May.

1 SECTION 5. Section 12T of said chapter 6, inserted by section 2
2 of chapter 265 of the acts of 1955, is hereby amended by striking
3 out, in line 3, the words "twenty-second day of February as
4 Washington day" and inserting in place thereof the words: —
5 third Monday in February as Presidents' day.

1 SECTION 6. Section 12V of said chapter 6, inserted by chapter
2 110 of the acts of 1958, is hereby amended by striking out, in
3 line 2, the words "October twelfth" and inserting in place thereof
4 the words: — the second Monday in October.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on January first, nine-
2 teen hundred and sixty-three.