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Under 1976 Code, Sec. 53-5-10, the following days are prescribed, and all State offices are closed thereon:

January 1—New Year

Third Monday in January—Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
 Birthday

Third Monday in February—Washington's Birthday/
 Presidents' Day

May 10—Confederate Memorial Day

Last Monday in May—National Memorial Day

July 4—Independence Day

First Monday in September—Labor Day

November 11—Veterans Day (date changed from the
 fourth Monday in October by Act No. 290, 1973)

National Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after

December 24—Christmas Eve

December 25—Christmas Day

December 26—The Day after Christmas

Whenever any of these fall on Sunday, the Monday following is prescribed, and whenever any of these fall on Saturday the preceding Friday is prescribed.

(Notes: Act No. 246, 2000, amended Section 53-5-10 relating to legal holidays, to provide that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and Confederate Memorial Day are regular rather than optional holidays and delete Robert E. Lee's Birthday, Jefferson Davis' Birthday, and General Election Day as holidays. Act No. 33, 2009, amended Section 53-5-10 relating to legal holidays, to provide that Christmas Eve is included as a legal holiday.)