**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTIONS 53‑5‑10 AND 53‑5‑15, RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO ESTABLISH CHRISTMAS EVE AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Sections 53‑5‑10 and 53‑5‑15 of the 1976 Code are amended to read:

“Section 53‑5‑10. The first day of January‑‑New Year’s Day, the third Monday of January‑‑Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in February‑‑George Washington’s birthday/President’s Day, the tenth day of May‑‑Confederate Memorial Day, the last Monday of May‑‑National Memorial Day, the fourth day of July‑‑Independence Day, the first Monday in September‑‑Labor Day, the eleventh day of November‑‑Veterans Day, National Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and the twenty‑fourth, twenty‑fifth, and twenty‑sixth days of December in each year are legal holidays.

The holiday schedules of public colleges and universities, including technical colleges, shall not be in violation of this section so long as the number of holidays provided for in this section are not exceeded.

~~Section 53‑5‑15.~~  ~~The Governor may declare Christmas Eve of each year a holiday for state government employees. When Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday or Sunday he may declare the preceding Friday a holiday.~~”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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