

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 36:2-6 (Law Day—established as May 1)LAWS OF: 1982CHAPTER: 232Bill No.: S171Sponsor(s): HurleyDate Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee:

Assembly: State Govt., Civil Service, Pensions & Veterans AffairsSenate: Law, Public Safety & DefenseAmended during passage: /// NoDate of Passage: Assembly: Nov. 29Senate: May 6Date of Approval: Jan. 7, 1983

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes // **(Below)**

Committee statement: Assembly Yes //

Senate Yes //

Fiscal Note: /// NoVeto Message /// No

Message on Signing: Yes //

Following were printed:

Reports: /// NoHearings: /// No

Sponsor's statement:

The purpose of this bill is to establish May 1 as "Law Day" as a permanent commemorative day in New Jersey.

Bill, passed in 1980 legislative session, as mentioned in Senate statement: A883.

SENATE, No. 171

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Senator HURLEY

AN ACT to designate May 1 of each year as "Law Day," and providing for the issuance by the Governor of the State of New Jersey of an annual proclamation thereof.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Governor of the State of New Jersey is requested to issue
2 annually an appropriate proclamation designating May 1 as "Law
3 Day" and calling upon all citizens and residents of this State to
4 commemorate and observe said day as a special day of celebration
5 in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their
6 loyalty to the United States of America; of their rededication to
7 the ideals of equality and justice under law and respect for basic
8 human rights; and for the cultivation of that respect for law that
9 is so vital to the democratic way of life. The citizens and residents
10 of this State are urged to partake in the appropriate observance
11 of "Law Day," including the display of the flag of the United States
12 and consideration of the sanctity of law and respect for its impartial
13 principles so unfortunately absent in many other nations through-
14 out the world.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to establish May 1 as "Law Day" as a permanent commemorative day in New Jersey.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SERVICE,
ELECTIONS, PENSIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 171

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 24, 1982

This bill requests the Governor to issue annually a proclamation designating May 1 as "Law Day" and calling on citizens and residents of the State to observe that day in an appropriate way.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 171

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 29, 1982

Traditionally, the Legislature passes a resolution every year to designate May 1 as "Law Day."

This bill would establish Law Day as a permanent commemorative day on May 1 of every year, eliminating the need for annual resolutions.

The purpose of designating one day each year as "Law Day" is to emphasize the importance of law in American society and to cultivate respect for civil liberties and for the ideals of equality and justice under the law.

The New Jersey State Bar Association strongly supports this bill. The bill was passed unanimously by the Assembly in the 1980 legislative session.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE, JAN. 10, 1983

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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation to expand the powers of municipalities to prosecute on a nuisance charge an individual whose property creates a health or safety hazard.

The legislation, A-1103, was sponsored by Assemblyman Martin Herman, D-Gloucester.

Under current law, a nuisance may be ordered abated by the court only upon conviction of a person who maintains premises where persons congregate for unlawful purposes. The new law permits such an abatement upon conviction of a person whose property is a health or safety hazard.

Kean also signed S-171, sponsored by Senator James Hurley, R-Cumberland, to establish May 1 of each year as "Law Day" as a permanent commemorative day in the State.

The legislation does not establish May 1 as a State holiday, but merely requests that the Governor issue a proclamation each year designating it as "Law Day." Traditionally, such proclamations have been issued annually.

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