

36:1-1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 36:1-1 (Martin Luther King's Birthday -- conforms State and Federal observance)

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CHAPTER: 97

Bill No: A603

Sponsor(s): Charles and others

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Senate: State Government, Federal & Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

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Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

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Sponsors' statement:

This bill conforms the State's observance of Martin Luther King Day with the new federal holiday.

ASSEMBLY, No. 603

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Assemblymen CHARLES, WATSON, BRYANT, THOMPSON,
Assemblywoman GARVIN, Assemblymen BROWN and DORIA

AN ACT concerning legal holidays, and amending R. S. 36:1-1.

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

1 1. R. S. 36:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 36:1-1. The following days in each year shall, for all purposes
3 whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance,
4 and of the protesting and giving notice of dishonor, of bills of ex-
5 change, bank checks and promissory notes be treated and considered
6 as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and as public
7 holidays: January 1, known as New Year's Day; *the third Monday*
8 *in January [15]*, known as Martin Luther King's Birthday;
9 February 12, known as Lincoln's Birthday; the third Monday in
10 February, known as Washington's Birthday; the day designated
11 and known as Good Friday; the last Monday in May, known as
12 Memorial Day; July 4, known as Independence Day; the first
13 Monday in September, known as Labor Day; the second Monday in
14 October, known as Columbus Day; November 11, known as
15 Armistice Day or Veteran's Day; the fourth Thursday in November,
16 known as Thanksgiving Day; December 25, known as Christmas
17 Day; any general election day in this State; every Saturday; and
18 any day heretofore or hereafter appointed, ordered or recom-
19 mended by the Governor of this State, or the President of the
20 United States, as a day of fasting and prayer, or other religious
21 observance, or as a bank holiday or holidays. All such bills, checks
22 and notes, otherwise presentable for acceptance or payment on any

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.
Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

23 of the days herein enumerated, shall be deemed to be payable and
24 be presentable for acceptance or payment on the secular or business
25 day next succeeding any such holiday.

26 Whenever any of the days herein enumerated can and shall fall
27 on a Sunday, the Monday next following shall, for any of the pur-
28 poses herein enumerated be deemed a public holiday; and bills of
29 exchange, checks and promissory notes which otherwise would be
30 presentable for acceptance or payment on such Monday, shall be
31 deemed to be presentable for acceptance or payment on the secular
32 or business day next succeeding such holiday.

33 In construing this section, every Saturday shall, until 12 o'clock
34 noon, be deemed a secular or business day, except as is hereinbefore
35 provided in regard to bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory
36 notes, and the days herein enumerated except bank holidays and
37 Saturdays shall be considered as the first day of the week, com-
38 monly called Sunday, and public holidays, for all purposes what-
39 soever as regards the transaction of business in the public offices
40 of this State, or counties of this State; but on all other days or half
41 days, except Sunday or as otherwise provided by law, such offices
42 shall be kept open for the transaction of business.

1 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1986.

STATEMENT

This bill conforms the State's observance of Martin Luther King
Day with the new federal holiday.

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

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 603

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 23, 1984

This bill would change the date, beginning in 1986, on which Martin Luther King's Birthday is observed in this State from January 15 to the third Monday in January. This change will conform New Jersey's observance of the holiday with the nation's observance, as established under recent federal legislation.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 603

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 1, 1984

This bill makes the third Monday in January a State holiday honoring Martin Luther King's birthday. Currently, the holiday is January 15th. This bill conforms the State's observance of Martin Luther King's birthday with the federal holiday.

This bill takes effect January 1, 1986.



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NEWS RELEASE

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Release: WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1980

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation which brings New Jersey's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday into line with the Federal holiday commemorating his birth.

The bill, A-603, is sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Charles, Jr., D-Hudson.

New Jersey has celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15 since legislation was enacted in 1977. The Federal law enacted this year designates the third Monday in January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and this bill changes New Jersey's observance to conform with the Nation's observance.

"I have always been proud that New Jersey was among the first states to mark the birthday of this great national leader," Kean said. "I am happy that the Federal Government has now chosen to follow our lead, lending even more significance to this important holiday."

The Governor also signed the following bills:

A-827, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas A. Pankok, D-Salem, which amends the method by which assessments are levied against the operators of nuclear power facilities to defray the expenses of local, county and state agencies' responsibilities under the Radiation Accident Response Act.

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