

1975 Assembly Bill 364

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CHAPTER 159, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to amend 256.15 of the statutes, relating to transacting court business on general election days.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

256.15 of the statutes is amended to read:

256.15 Holding court, effect of holidays. (1) No court shall be opened or transact business on the first day of the week, the 4th day of July, or Christmas ~~or the day on which any general election shall be held~~ unless it ~~be~~ is for the purpose of instructing or discharging a jury or of receiving a verdict and rendering a judgment thereon; ~~but this~~. This section shall not prevent the exercise of the jurisdiction of any judge when it ~~shall~~ be is necessary, in criminal cases, to preserve the peace or arrest offenders. If the day fixed by law for beginning any term of any court of record falls upon a legal holiday, the term shall be deemed opened and adjourned until the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and from day to day thereafter until the judge is present, and all matters returnable on that day shall be held continued until the judge is present; but whenever any such holiday, other than the 4th of July, or Christmas ~~and the day on which any general election shall be held~~, shall occur during the term of any court of record, said court may, in its discretion, proceed with its business thereon in like manner and with like effect as upon any other day.

(2) Notwithstanding sub. (1), a court shall not commence or conduct the trial of any action to a jury on the day on which any primary or general election is held.
