



2007 SENATE BILL 215

June 19, 2007 – Introduced by Senators COGGS, TAYLOR, LEHMAN, ROESSLER, LASSA, ERPENBACH and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives GRIGSBY, YOUNG, A. WILLIAMS, FIELDS, TURNER, TOLES, BOYLE, SHERIDAN, SCHNEIDER, BLACK, A. OTT, ZEPNICK, KESSLER, POCAN, BERCEAU and MOLEPSKE. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 995.20 of the statutes; **relating to:** making June 19,
2 Juneteenth Day, a legal holiday.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill adds June 19, Juneteenth Day, to the list of legal holidays. June 19, 1865, is the day that slaves throughout Texas first received word that all slaves in the U.S. had been freed by President Lincoln.

A legal holiday is not counted when determining if a legal document has been submitted, answered, or filed in a timely manner. Elections cannot be held on legal holidays. This bill does not affect the number of paid holidays for public employees.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 995.20 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **995.20 Legal holidays.** January 1, January 15, the 3rd Monday in February
5 (which shall be the day of celebration for February 12 and 22), the last Monday in
6 May (which shall be the day of celebration for May 30), June 19, which shall be the
7 day of observation for Juneteenth Day, July 4, the 1st Monday in September which

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1 shall be known as Labor day, the 2nd Monday in October, November 11, the 4th
2 Thursday in November (which shall be the day of celebration for Thanksgiving),
3 December 25, the day of holding the September primary election, and the day of
4 holding the general election in November are legal holidays. On Good Friday the
5 period from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. shall uniformly be observed for the purpose of worship.
6 In every 1st class city the day of holding any municipal election is a legal holiday, and
7 in every such city the afternoon of each day upon which a primary election is held for
8 the nomination of candidates for city offices is a half holiday and in counties having
9 a population of 500,000 or more the county board may by ordinance provide that all
10 county employees shall have a half holiday on the day of such primary election and
11 a holiday on the day of such municipal election, and that employees whose duties
12 require that they work on such days be given equivalent time off on other days.
13 Whenever any ~~of said days~~ legal holiday falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday
14 shall be the legal holiday.

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(END)