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## 2015 SENATE BILL 564

January 12, 2016 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 995.20 of the statutes; **relating to:** Martin Luther King, Jr.  
2             Day (suggested as remedial legislation by the Office of the Director of State  
3             Courts).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill changes the date of celebration for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Under current law, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15, is a legal holiday. Under this bill, the third Monday in January is a legal holiday and is the day of celebration for January 15.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Office of the Director of State Courts and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SENATE BILL 564****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 995.20 of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **995.20 Legal holidays.** January 1, the 3rd Monday in January (which shall  
3 be the day of celebration for January 15), the 3rd Monday in February (which shall  
4 be the day of celebration for February 12 and 22), the last Monday in May (which  
5 shall be the day of celebration for May 30), June 19, which shall be the day of  
6 observation for Juneteenth Day, July 4, the 1st Monday in September which shall be  
7 known as Labor day, the 2nd Monday in October, November 11, the 4th Thursday in  
8 November (which shall be the day of celebration for Thanksgiving), December 25, the  
9 day of holding the partisan primary election, and the day of holding the general  
10 election in November are legal holidays. On Good Friday the period from 11 a.m. to  
11 3 p.m. shall uniformly be observed for the purpose of worship. In every 1st class city  
12 the day of holding any municipal election is a legal holiday, and in every such city the  
13 afternoon of each day upon which a primary election is held for the nomination of  
14 candidates for city offices is a half holiday and in counties having a population of  
15 500,000 or more the county board may by ordinance provide that all county  
16 employees shall have a half holiday on the day of such primary election and a holiday  
17 on the day of such municipal election, and that employees whose duties require that  
18 they work on such days be given equivalent time off on other days. Whenever any  
19 legal holiday falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be the legal holiday.

NOTE: Modifies the definition of legal holiday to treat the third Monday in the  
month of January as a legal holiday instead of January 15.

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