Senate Bill 283 - Prefile

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

2 holidays and observances, so as to revise the number of holidays that are observed in

3 Georgia; to designate the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of each year

4 as a state holiday; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

5 purposes.

6   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7   **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and

9 observances, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating

10 to public and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically

11 provided for, as follows:

12 "(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

13   (1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 1984, as public and legal

14   holidays by the federal government; ~~and~~

15   (2) The Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of each year; and

16   ~~(2)~~(3) All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal

17   holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. In such

18   designation, the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19,

19   April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events

20   now observed by such dates.

21 (b) The Governor shall close all state offices and facilities a minimum of ~~12~~ 13 days

22   throughout the year and not more than ~~12~~ 13 days in observance of the public and legal

23   holidays and other days set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section and shall specify the

24   days state offices and facilities shall be closed for such observances."

25   **SECTION 2.**

26   All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.