

Assembly Bill No. 140—Assemblymen Thomas, C.H. Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Marzola, Torres; Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, Considine, D’Silva, Duran, González, Gorelow, Jauregui, Kasama, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Brittney Miller, Mosca, Newby, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Watts and Yeager

Joint Sponsors: Senators Spearman, Neal, Krasner, Cannizzaro, Nguyen; and Lange

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AN ACT relating to legal holidays; making Juneteenth Day a legal holiday in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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Existing law declares certain days as legal holidays in this State and requires, with certain exceptions, all state, county and city offices, courts, public schools and the Nevada System of Higher Education to close on such legal holidays. (NRS 236.015) Existing law further requires the Governor to annually proclaim June 19 to be “Juneteenth Day” in the State of Nevada to commemorate the abolition of slavery in the United States. (NRS 236.033)

Section 1 of this bill makes Juneteenth Day a legal holiday in this State, rather than a day of observance. **Section 1** further provides that Juneteenth Day is to be observed on June 19.

Section 2 of this bill makes a conforming change to account for the potential closure of state, county and city governmental offices on the third Monday in June in certain years when June 19 falls on the third Monday in June.

Section 3 of this bill makes a conforming change to repeal the requirement that the Governor proclaim June 19 to be “Juneteenth Day” in the State of Nevada as a day of observance.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 236.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
236.015 1. The following days are declared to be legal holidays for state, county and city governmental offices:

January 1 (New Year’s Day)

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday is on January 15 but is to be observed on the third Monday in January

Washington’s birthday is on February 22 but is to be observed on the third Monday in February



Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)

June 19 (Juneteenth Day)

July 4 (Independence Day)

First Monday in September (Labor Day)

Nevada Day is October 31 but is to be observed on the last Friday in October

November 11 (Veterans Day)

Fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day)

Friday following the fourth Thursday in November (Family Day)

December 25 (Christmas Day)

Any day that may be appointed by the President of the United States for public fast, thanksgiving or as a legal holiday except for any Presidential appointment of the fourth Monday in October as Veterans Day.

2. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, all state, county and city offices, courts, public schools and the Nevada System of Higher Education must close on the legal holidays enumerated in subsection 1 unless in the case of appointed holidays all or a part thereof are specifically exempted.

3. If January 1, **June 19**, July 4, November 11 or December 25 falls upon a:

(a) Sunday, the Monday following must be observed as a legal holiday.

(b) Saturday, the Friday preceding must be observed as a legal holiday.

Sec. 2. NRS 293.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.166, a vacancy occurring in a major or minor political party nomination for a partisan office may be filled by a candidate designated by the party central committee of the county or State, as the case may be, of the major political party or by the executive committee of the minor political party subject to the provisions of subsections 3, 4 and 5.

2. A vacancy occurring in a nonpartisan office or nomination for a nonpartisan office after the close of filing and before 5 p.m. of the fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is held must be filled by the person who receives or received the next highest vote for the nomination in the primary election if a primary election was held for that nonpartisan office. If no primary election was held for that nonpartisan office or if there was not more than one person who was seeking the nonpartisan nomination in the



primary election, a person may become a candidate for the nonpartisan office at the general election if the person files a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pays the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 after 8 a.m. on the *third Monday in June, or if the third Monday in June is a legal holiday, on the day immediately following the* third Monday in June , and before 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in July.

3. If a vacancy occurs in a major political party nomination for a partisan office after the primary election and before 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is held and:

(a) The vacancy occurs because the nominee dies or is adjudicated insane or mentally incompetent, the vacancy may be filled by a candidate designated by the party central committee of the county or State, as the case may be, of the major political party.

(b) The vacancy occurs for a reason other than the reasons described in paragraph (a), the nominee's name must remain on the ballot for the general election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

4. No change may be made on the ballot for the general election after 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is held. If, after that time and date:

(a) A nominee dies or is adjudicated insane or mentally incompetent; or

(b) A vacancy in the nomination is otherwise created,
↳ the nominee's name must remain on the ballot for the general election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

5. Each designation of a candidate provided for in this section must be filed with the appropriate filing officer before 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is held. In each case, the candidate must file a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 before 5 p.m. on the date the designation is filed.

Sec. 3. NRS 236.033 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

