

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 24

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Juneteenth National Freedom Day;  
8 amending Sections 82.1, as amended by Section 96,  
9 Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012, 82.2, and 82.4 (25 O.S.  
10 Supp. 2020. Section 82.1), which relate to state  
11 holidays; adding observance; changing date of  
12 observance; and providing for an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 82.1, as  
15 amended by Section 96, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (25 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
16 Section 82.1), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 82.1. A. The designation and dates of holidays in  
18 Oklahoma shall be as follows: Each Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day  
19 on the 1st day of January, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday on the  
20 third Monday in January, Presidents' Day on the third Monday in  
21 February, Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, Juneteenth  
22 National Freedom Day on the 19th day of June, Independence Day on  
23 the 4th day of July, Labor Day on the first Monday in September,  
24 Veterans' Day on the 11th day of November, Thanksgiving Day on the  
fourth Thursday in November, the day after Thanksgiving Day,

1 Christmas on the 25th day of December, the day before or after  
2 Christmas if Christmas is not on a Saturday or Sunday, the Thursday  
3 and Friday before Christmas if Christmas is on a Saturday, the  
4 Monday and Tuesday after Christmas, if Christmas is on a Sunday; and  
5 if any of such holidays other than Christmas ~~fall~~ falls on Saturday,  
6 the preceding Friday shall be a holiday in that year and if any of  
7 such holidays other than Christmas ~~fall~~ falls on Sunday, the  
8 succeeding Monday shall be a holiday in that year.

9 B. The Governor shall issue an Executive Order each year  
10 specifying the dates on which the holidays other than Saturdays and  
11 Sundays designated in subsection A of this section occur. If the  
12 President of the United States declares any day other than those  
13 listed in subsection A of this section as a national holiday, the  
14 Governor may issue an Executive Order declaring such day a state  
15 holiday.

16 C. Any act authorized, required, or permitted to be performed  
17 on a holiday as designated in subsection A of this section may be  
18 performed on the next succeeding business day, and no liability or  
19 loss of rights of any kind shall result from such delay.

20 D. State employees, except for temporary and other limited term  
21 employees, shall be entitled to a day off work without loss of pay  
22 on those holidays specified in an Executive Order issued by the  
23 Governor pursuant to subsection B of this section. Those state  
24 employees, except for temporary and other limited term employees,

1 who are required to work on a holiday specified in subsection B of  
2 this section shall be entitled to a day off work, without loss of  
3 pay, on an alternative date or payment in lieu thereof at the  
4 discretion of the appointing authority and in accordance with rules  
5 of the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

6 E. For the purposes of this section, "holiday" means that  
7 agencies whose mission does not require them to be open for business  
8 every day of the year shall be closed for official business.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 82.2, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 82.2. The following additional days are designated as  
12 holidays:

13 Jefferson Day on the 13th day of April; Oklahoma Day on the 22nd  
14 day of April; Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May; Juneteenth  
15 National Freedom Day on ~~the third Saturday in~~ the 19th day of June;  
16 Indian Day on the first Saturday after the full moon in September;  
17 Cherokee Strip Day on the 16th day of September; Will Rogers Day on  
18 the 4th day of November; Citizenship Recognition Day on such date as  
19 may be fixed by the Governor; Oklahoma Historical Day on the 10th  
20 day of October; Senior Citizens' Week beginning with the first  
21 Sunday in the month of May; Senior Citizens' Day the Wednesday of  
22 Senior Citizens' Week; Grandparents' Week beginning with the second  
23 Sunday in September; Youth Day on the third Sunday in March each  
24 year; each day in which a state election is held throughout the

1 State of Oklahoma; and such other days as may be designated by the  
2 President of the United States or the Governor of the State of  
3 Oklahoma. Notwithstanding the day designated for Veterans' Day by  
4 Section 82.1 of this title, any bank, savings and loan association  
5 or credit union may observe the fourth Monday in October as  
6 Veterans' Day. Any act authorized, required or permitted to be  
7 performed on any holiday as designated in this section may and shall  
8 be performed on said day the same as on any business day; provided  
9 any state, national or federal reserve bank, building and loan  
10 association, credit union, state, federal, county or municipal  
11 office may close on any day designated in this section as a holiday,  
12 and, upon such bank, building and loan association, credit union, or  
13 public office being closed on such day, any act authorized, required  
14 or permitted to be performed at or by such bank, building and loan  
15 association, credit union, public office or public official may be  
16 performed on the next succeeding business day and no liability or  
17 loss of rights of any kind shall result from such delay.

18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 82.4, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 82.4. The ~~third Saturday in~~ 19th day of June of each  
21 year is hereby declared an official holiday, to be known as  
22 "Juneteenth National Freedom Day".  
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1 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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