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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 1 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 501, Title 1 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating accordingly:

3 § 501 Designation

4 (a) The following days shall be legal holidays in this State:

5 (1) January 1, known as New Year's Day; Day.

6 (2) ~~the The~~ third Monday in January, known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Day.

7 (3) Good Friday; Friday.

8 (4) June 19, known as Juneteenth.

9 (5) July 4, known as Independence Day; Day.

10 (6) ~~the The~~ first Monday in September, known as Labor Day; Day.

11 (7) November 11, known as Veterans' Day; Day.

12 (8) ~~the The~~ fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving Day; Day.

13 (9) ~~the The~~ Friday following Thanksgiving Day; Day.

14 (10) December 25, known as Christmas; Christmas.

15 (11) Saturdays; Saturdays.

16 (12) ~~the The~~ day of the General Election as it biennially ~~occurs~~ occurs; and

17 (13) ~~in In~~ Sussex County, Return Day, the second day after the General Election, after 12:00 Noon.

18 (b) If any of the legal holidays fall on Sunday, the Monday following shall be a legal holiday. If any of the legal
19 holidays other than Saturday fall on Saturday, the Friday preceding shall be a legal holiday.

20 (c) The last Monday in May shall be the legal holiday, known as Memorial Day, in the State.

21 (d) Veteran's Day shall be a legal holiday for all public school students and the employees of public school
22 districts and charter schools. If Veteran's Day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a legal holiday. If
23 Veteran's Day falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a legal holiday.

24 (e) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall promulgate policies and procedures to implement
25 ~~2 floating holidays~~ 1 floating holiday.

SYNOPSIS

This Act establishes Juneteenth as a State holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in the United States. The Act adds Juneteenth as a legal holiday and reduces the number of floating holidays from 2 to 1. The two floating holidays were created by the 145th General Assembly as replacements for Presidents Day and Columbus Day. This Act replaces the floating holiday that replaced Columbus Day with a legal holiday to celebrate Juneteenth. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.