

Senate Bill No. 31–Senator Amodei

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to holidays; changing the legal holiday for the observance of Nevada Day; removing the exception that allows schools to remain open on Nevada Day; revising the provision governing the transaction of banking business on holidays and weekends; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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)

~~Third~~ *Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is on January 15 but is to be observed on the third* Monday in January ~~[(Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday)~~

~~Third~~ *Washington's birthday is on February 22 but is to be observed on the third* Monday in February ~~[(Washington's Birthday)]~~

Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)

July 4 (Independence Day)

First Monday in September (Labor Day)

Nevada Day is October 31 ~~[(Nevada Day)]~~ *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 University and Community College System of Nevada 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, July 4, ~~[(October 31,)]~~ 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 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, registration must close at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding any primary or general election and at 9 p.m. on the third Saturday preceding any recall or special election, except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, registration must close at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding the day of the elections.

2. The offices of the county clerk and other ex officio registrars must be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the office of the county clerk must also be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., including Saturdays, during the last days before the close of registration, according to the following schedule:

(a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, those offices must be open during the last 3 days before registration closes.

(b) In all other counties, those offices must be open during the last 5 days before registration closes.

3. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:

(a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating the day that registration will be closed. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest county in this state.

(b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.

4. The offices of the county clerk and other ex officio registrars may remain open on *the last Friday in* October ~~{31}~~ in each even-numbered year.

Sec. 3. NRS 388.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.110 No school may be kept open on any day declared to be a legal holiday pursuant to NRS 236.015 . ~~{except that any board of trustees of a school district may elect to keep school open on October 31 (or other day observed as Nevada Day) and observe such holiday with appropriate exercises.}~~

Sec. 4. NRS 662.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

662.255 1. A bank may elect to close on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 2 and* NRS 104.4303, if a bank elects not to close on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, all business transacted on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be deemed to have been transacted on the next banking day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

2. *If a bank elects not to close on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday which falls on the last day of a calendar year, that day shall be deemed a regular banking day for the purposes of transacting business.*

3. As used in this section, the term "legal holiday" includes all days which are declared by NRS 236.015 to be legal holidays.

Sec. 5. 1. This section and section 4 of this act become effective on October 1, 1999.

2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective on January 1, 2000.

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