

SENATE BILL NO. 31—SENATOR AMODEI

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Changes legal holiday to observe Nevada Day to last Friday in October and revises provision governing transaction of banking business on holidays. (BDR 19-993)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

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:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 236.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 236.015 1. The following days are declared to be legal holidays for
3 state, county and city governmental offices:
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5 —January 1 (New Year's Day)
6 ~~{Third}~~ ***Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is on January 15 but is to***
7 ***be observed on the third*** Monday in January ~~{(Martin Luther King,~~
8 ~~Jr.'s Birthday)}~~
9 ~~Third}~~ ***Washington's birthday is on February 22 but is to be***
10 ***observed on the third*** Monday in February ~~{(Washington's~~
11 ~~Birthday)}~~
12 Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)
13 July 4 (Independence Day)
14 First Monday in September (Labor Day)
15 ***Nevada Day is*** October 31 ~~{(Nevada Day)}~~ ***but is to be observed on***
16 ***the last Friday in October***
17 November 11 (Veterans' Day)

1 Fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day)
2 Friday following the fourth Thursday in November (Family Day)
3 December 25 (Christmas Day)
4 Any day that may be appointed by the President of the United States
5 for public fast, thanksgiving or as a legal holiday except for any
6 Presidential appointment of the fourth Monday in October as
7 Veterans' Day.
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9 2. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, all
10 state, county and city offices, courts, public schools and the University and
11 Community College System of Nevada must close on the legal holidays
12 enumerated in subsection 1 unless in the case of appointed holidays all or a
13 part thereof are specifically exempted.

14 3. If January 1, July 4, ~~October 31,~~ November 11 or December 25
15 falls upon a:

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

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

18 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
20 registration must close at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding any
21 primary or general election and at 9 p.m. on the third Saturday preceding
22 any recall or special election, except that if a recall or special election is
23 held on the same day as a primary or general election, registration must
24 close at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding the day of the elections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 388.110 No school may be kept open on any day declared to be a legal
6 holiday pursuant to NRS 236.015 . ~~[except that any board of trustees of a~~
7 ~~school district may elect to keep school open on October 31 (or other day~~
8 ~~observed as Nevada Day) and observe such holiday with appropriate~~
9 ~~exercises.]~~

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

11 662.255 1. A bank may elect to close on Saturdays, Sundays or legal
12 holidays. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 2 and* NRS 104.4303,
13 if a bank elects not to close on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, all
14 business transacted on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be deemed
15 to have been transacted on the next banking day that is not a Saturday,
16 Sunday or legal holiday.

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

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

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

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