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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:

Section 1. Amend §501, Title 1 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and by redesignating accordingly:
§ 501 Designation
(a) The following days shall be legal holidays in this State:
(1) January 1, known as New Year's Day; Day.
(2) the The third Monday in January, known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Day.
(3) Good Friday; Friday.
(4) June 19, known as Juneteenth.
(5) July 4, known as Independence Đay; Day.
(6) the The first Monday in September, known as Labor Bay; Day.
(7) November 11, known as Veterans' Đay; Day.
(8) the The fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving Day; Day.
(9) the The Friday following Thanksgiving Day; Day.
(10) December 25, known as Christmas; Christmas.
(11) Saturdays; Saturdays.
(12) the The day of the General Election as it biennially eceurs. occurs; and
(13) in In Sussex County, Return Day, the second day after the General Election, after 12:00 Noon.
(b) If any of the legal holidays fall on Sunday, the Monday following shall be a legal holiday. If any of the legal holidays other than Saturday fall on Saturday, the Friday preceding shall be a legal holiday.
(c) The last Monday in May shall be the legal holiday, known as Memorial Day, in the State.
(d) Veteran's Day shall be a legal holiday for all public school students and the employees of public school districts and charter schools. If Veteran's Day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a legal holiday. If Veteran's Day falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a legal holiday.
(e) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall promulgate policies and procedures to implement

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 145 th 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.

