

Election Day Holiday



MODEL STATUTORY LANGUAGE

An Act Making Election Day a State Holiday

Section 1: SHORT TITLE

This Act shall be called the “Election Day Holiday Act.”

Section 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Act is to facilitate greater access to the polls on Election Day by making Election Day a Federal holiday, thereby allowing many individuals who would ordinarily have to work on Election Day to have the opportunity to vote during regular business hours.

Section 3:

- (a) For purposes of any law relating to Federal employment, the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in 2016 and each even-numbered year thereafter shall be treated in the same manner as a legal public holiday described in Section 6103 of title 5, United States Code.
- (b) It is the sense of Congress that private employers in the United States should give their employees a day off on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in 2016 and each even-numbered year thereafter to enable the employees to cast votes in the elections held on that day.