
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO JUNETEENTH DAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish June 19
2 of each year as a state holiday, in recognition of the history
3 and legacy of slavery in the United States and in honor of the
4 significant roles, contributions, and achievements of African
5 Americans in the history of the United States and Hawaii and the
6 fundamental importance of equal treatment for all, regardless of
7 race, color, or national origin.

8 SECTION 2. Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§8-1 Holidays designated.** The following days of each
11 year are set apart and established as state holidays:

12 The first day in January, New Year's Day;

13 The third Monday in January, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
14 Day;

15 The third Monday in February, Presidents' Day;

16 The twenty-sixth day in March, Prince Jonah Kuhio
17 Kalanianaʻole Day;



1 The Friday preceding Easter Sunday, Good Friday;
2 The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;
3 The eleventh day in June, King Kamehameha I Day;
4 The nineteenth day in June, Juneteenth Day;
5 The fourth day in July, Independence Day;
6 The third Friday in August, Statehood Day;
7 The first Monday in September, Labor Day;
8 The eleventh day in November, Veterans' Day;
9 The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day;
10 The twenty-fifth day in December, Christmas Day;
11 All election days, except primary and special election
12 days, in the county wherein the election is held;
13 Any day designated by proclamation by the President of the
14 United States or by the governor as a holiday."

15 SECTION 3. Section 8-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "[~~§~~8-32~~§~~] **Juneteenth.** June 19 of each year shall be
18 known and designated as Juneteenth to commemorate the end of
19 slavery in the United States and in honor and recognition of the
20 significant roles and contributions of African Americans in the



1 history of the United States [~~.—Juneteenth is not and shall not~~
2 ~~be construed to be a state holiday.] and Hawaii."~~

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2044.

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