

CHAPTER 20.

[H. B. 47.]

LEGAL HOLIDAYS—VETERANS' DAY.

AN ACT relating to holidays, changing the name Armistice Day to Veterans' Day; and amending section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1927 and RCW 1.16.050, and section 6, page 308, Laws of 1909 and RCW 28.02.060, and section 1, chapter 21, Laws of 1939 and section 2, chapter 56, Laws of 1921 and section 3, chapter 56, Laws of 1921 and RCW 28.02.070.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Amendment.

Legal holidays defined.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1927 and RCW 1.16.050 are each amended to read as follows: The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of January, commonly called New Year's Day; the twelfth day of February, being the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; the twenty-second day of February, being the anniversary of the birth of George Washington; the thirtieth day of May, commonly known as Memorial Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor Day; the twelfth day of October, to be known as Columbus Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day; the day on which any general election is held throughout the state; and any day designated by public proclamation of the chief executive of the state as a legal holiday, or as a day of thanksgiving.

When legal holiday falls on Sunday.

Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a legal holiday.

Amendment.

School holidays.

SEC. 2. Section 6, page 308, Laws of 1909 and RCW 28.02.060 are each amended to read as follows:

No teacher shall be required to teach school on Saturday, Labor Day, Veterans' and Admission Day,

Thanksgiving Day and the day immediately following Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Fourth of July: *Provided*, That no reduction from the teacher's time or salary shall be made by reason of the fact that a school day happens to be one of the days referred to in this section as a day on which school shall not be taught.

Teachers' salaries.

SEC. 3. Section 1, chapter 21, Laws of 1939 and section 2, chapter 56, Laws of 1921 and section 3, chapter 56, Laws of 1921, (heretofore combined and codified as RCW 28.02.070) are amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

On the Friday preceding November 11th when November 11th falls on a non-school day, each teacher, or the principal in charge of the school building, in all elementary and high schools of the state shall prepare and present a program suitable to observance of Veterans' and Admission Day.

School observance of Veterans' and Admission Day.

The program must be at least 60 minutes in length, setting forth the part taken by the United States and the state of Washington in the world war for the years nineteen hundred seventeen and nineteen hundred and eighteen, the principles for which the allied nations fought, and the heroic deeds of American soldiers and sailors, the leading events in the history of our state and of Washington Territory, the character and struggles of the pioneer settlers and other topics tending to instill a loyalty and devotion to the institutions and laws of our state.

Program.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction and of each county superintendent of schools, by advice and suggestion, to aid in the suitable observance of Veterans' and Admission Day.

Duties of Superintendent of public instruction and county superintendents.

Passed the House January 25, 1955.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1955.

Approved by the Governor February 14, 1955.