
SENATE BILL 5962

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By Senators Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to Lief Erikson day; amending RCW 1.16.050; and
2 creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that more than one
5 thousand years ago, Leif Erikson and his crew journeyed across the
6 Atlantic seeking unknown lands. Their pioneering spirit of courage,
7 determination, and discovery helped to open the world to new
8 exploration and unprecedented development. Each October, we join our
9 friends in Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland in honoring
10 this historic voyage and in celebrating the strong bonds that exist
11 between those countries and Washington state.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2003 c 68 s 2 are each amended to read as
13 follows:

14 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of
15 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,
16 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,
17 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to
18 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and

1 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial
2 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration
3 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor
4 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the
5 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day
6 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of
7 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

8 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except
9 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees
10 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are
11 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than
12 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per
13 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each
14 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day
15 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided
16 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines
17 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in
18 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the
19 legislative authority.

20 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
21 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
22 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
23 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts
24 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
25 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
26 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

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

29 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
30 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

31 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
32 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
33 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of
34 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
35 government legislative authority.

36 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be
37 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday
38 for any purposes.

1 The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be
2 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be
3 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

4 The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall
5 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall
6 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

7 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be
8 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be
9 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

10 The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be
11 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be
12 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

13 The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be
14 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as
15 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for
16 any purpose.

17 The legislature declares that the seventh day of December be
18 recognized as Pearl Harbor remembrance day but shall not be considered
19 a legal holiday for any purpose.

20 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of February be
21 recognized as civil liberties day of remembrance but shall not be
22 considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

23 The legislature declares that the ninth day of October be
24 recognized as Lief Erikson day but shall not be considered a legal
25 holiday for any purpose.

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