

HOUSE BILL 1113

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Holidays - Presidents' Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing Presidents' Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as
4 public school holidays; repealing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a school day on
5 which a public school is required to devote part of the day to appropriate
6 activities; and generally relating to public school holidays in the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 7-103(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 7-103.

16 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:

17 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

18 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;

19 (iii) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY;

20 (IV) PRESIDENTS' DAY;

21 (V) The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday

22 after Easter;

1 [(iv)] (VI) Memorial Day; and

2 [(v)] (VII) Primary and general election days.

3 (2) If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on different
4 days, the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the
5 date of observance for the public schools within the county.

6 (3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate
7 exercises for the following days:

8 (i) Washington's Birthday;

9 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

10 (iii) Veterans' Day;

11 (iv) Columbus Day;

12 [(v)] Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;]

13 [(vi)] (V) Arbor Day; and

14 [(vii)] (VI) Any other day of national significance.

15 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public
16 schools, in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and
17 general election days:

18 (i) Calvert;

19 (ii) Caroline;

20 (iii) Dorchester;

21 (iv) Kent;

22 (v) Talbot; and

23 (vi) Worcester.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 1999.