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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public School Holidays - Presidents' Day**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing Presidents' Day as a public school holiday; repealing  
4 certain provisions of law requiring a public school to devote part of the day to  
5 appropriate activities on Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday; and  
6 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:

- 1 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;
- 2 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;
- 3 (III) PRESIDENTS' DAY;
- 4 [(iii)] (IV) The Friday before Easter and from then through the  
5 Monday after Easter;
- 6 [(iv)] (V) Memorial Day; and
- 7 [(v)] (VI) Primary and general election days.

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

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

- 13 (i) [Washington's Birthday;
- 14 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;
- 15 (iii)] Veterans' Day;
- 16 [(iv)] (II) Columbus Day;
- 17 [(v)] (III) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- 18 [(vi)] (IV) Arbor Day; and
- 19 [(vii)] (V) Any other day of national significance.

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

- 23 (i) Calvert;
- 24 (ii) Caroline;
- 25 (iii) Dorchester;
- 26 (iv) Kent;
- 27 (v) Talbot; and
- 28 (vi) Worcester.

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

