

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Florida Democracy Day; amending s.
 3 110.117, F.S.; providing that the day of a general
 4 election is a paid holiday observed by state branches
 5 and agencies; naming the holiday "Florida Democracy
 6 Day"; reenacting ss. 110.219(5)(c), 551.116, and
 7 849.086(7)(b), F.S., relating to state employee
 8 attendance and leave and days and hours of operation
 9 of slot machine gaming areas and cardrooms,
 10 respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s.
 11 110.117, F.S., in references thereto; providing an
 12 effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 110.117, Florida
 17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 110.117 Paid holidays.—

19 (1) The following holidays shall be paid holidays observed
 20 by all state branches and agencies:

21 (a) New Year's Day.

22 (b) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., third Monday in
 23 January.

24 (c) Memorial Day.

25 (d) Independence Day.

26 (e) Labor Day.

27 (f) The day of a general election as defined in s.
 28 97.021(15), which shall be "Florida Democracy Day."

29 | (g)~~(f)~~ Veterans' Day, November 11.

30 | (h)~~(g)~~ Thanksgiving Day.

31 | (i)~~(h)~~ Friday after Thanksgiving.

32 | (j)~~(i)~~ Christmas Day.

33 | (k)~~(j)~~ If any of these holidays falls on Saturday, the
 34 | preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday. If any of these
 35 | holidays falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed
 36 | as a holiday.

37 | Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 38 | made by this act to section 110.117, Florida Statutes, in a
 39 | reference thereto, paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section
 40 | 110.219, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

41 | 110.219 Attendance and leave; general policies.—

42 | (5) Rules shall be adopted by the department in
 43 | cooperation and consultation with the agencies to implement the
 44 | provisions of this section; however, such rules must be approved
 45 | by the Administration Commission prior to their adoption. Such
 46 | rules must provide for, but need not be limited to:

47 | (c) Holidays as provided in s. 110.117.

48 | Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 49 | made by this act to section 110.117, Florida Statutes, in a
 50 | reference thereto, section 551.116, Florida Statutes, is
 51 | reenacted to read:

52 | 551.116 Days and hours of operation.—Slot machine gaming
 53 | areas may be open daily throughout the year. The slot machine
 54 | gaming areas may be open a cumulative amount of 18 hours per day
 55 | on Monday through Friday and 24 hours per day on Saturday and
 56 | Sunday and on those holidays specified in s. 110.117(1).

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57 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
58 made by this act to section 110.117, Florida Statutes, in a
59 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section
60 849.086, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

61 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.—

62 (7) CONDITIONS FOR OPERATING A CARDROOM.—

63 (b) Any cardroom operator may operate a cardroom at the
64 pari-mutuel facility daily throughout the year, if the
65 permitholder meets the requirements under paragraph (5) (b). The
66 cardroom may be open a cumulative amount of 18 hours per day on
67 Monday through Friday and 24 hours per day on Saturday and
68 Sunday and on the holidays specified in s. 110.117(1).

69 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.