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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state holidays; making Juneteenth a state holiday; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 645.44, subdivision 5.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 645.44, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. **Holiday.** "Holiday" includes New Year's Day, January 1; Martin Luther  
1.7 King's Birthday, the third Monday in January; Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday, the  
1.8 third Monday in February; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; Juneteenth, the third  
1.9 Saturday in June; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, the first Monday in September;  
1.10 Christopher Columbus Day, the second Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11;  
1.11 Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day, December 25;  
1.12 provided, when New Year's Day, January 1; or Independence Day, July 4; or Veterans  
1.13 Day, November 11; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Sunday, the following day  
1.14 shall be a holiday and, provided, when New Year's Day, January 1; or Independence Day,  
1.15 July 4; or Veterans Day, November 11; or Christmas Day, December 25; falls on Saturday,  
1.16 the preceding day shall be a holiday. No public business shall be transacted on any  
1.17 holiday, except in cases of necessity and except in cases of public business transacted by  
1.18 the legislature, nor shall any civil process be served thereon. However, for the executive  
1.19 branch of the state of Minnesota, "holiday" also includes the Friday after Thanksgiving  
1.20 but does not include Christopher Columbus Day. Other branches of state government and  
1.21 political subdivisions shall have the option of determining whether Christopher Columbus  
1.22 Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving shall be holidays. Where it is determined that  
1.23 Columbus Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be  
1.24 conducted thereon.

- 2.1 Any agreement between a public employer and an employee organization citing
- 2.2 Veterans Day as the fourth Monday in October shall be amended to cite Veterans Day as
- 2.3 November 11.