

the 4th day of July, called "Independence Day"; the 12th day of September, known as "Defenders' Day"; the 12th day of October, known as "Columbus Day"; the 11th day of November, known as "Armistice Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State and all special days that may be appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State, or the President of the United States, as days of thanksgiving or fasting and prayer, or other religious observance or for the general cessation of business, shall be regarded as legal holidays, and shall be duly observed as such, and shall for all purposes whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance and of the protesting and giving notice of dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes, to be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, drafts, checks, and notes presented for payment or acceptance on these said days, shall be deemed to be presented for acceptance or payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such holiday. The Governor of this State shall have the power by proclamation to appoint a day or days for the general cessation of business in any one or more of the political sub-divisions of the State, in case of emergency from fire, flood or otherwise, with the same legal consequences as hereinabove provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 730.

(House Bill 350)

AN ACT to add two new sections to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "County Commissioners", sub-title "General Provisions", said new sections to be known as Sections 2A and 2B, to follow immediately after Section 2 of said Article, conferring additional powers and authority on the County Commissioners of every county in the State, except Worcester, Kent, Caroline, Allegany, Prince George's, Washington, Somerset, Dorchester, Baltimore, Calvert, Wicomico, Anne Arundel, Cecil, Charles, Howard, Frederick and St. Mary's Counties.