

(IV) The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after Easter;

[(iv)] (V) Memorial Day; and

[(v)] (VI) Primary and general election days.

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

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

(i) Washington's Birthday;

(ii) Lincoln's Birthday;

(iii) Veterans' Day;

(iv) Columbus Day;

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

(vi)] Arbor Day; and

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

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

(i) Calvert;

(ii) Caroline;

(iii) Dorchester;

(iv) Kent;

(v) Talbot; and

(vi) Worcester.}]

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

Approved May 27, 1999.

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