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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing State General Election Day as a holiday
1.3 in even-numbered years; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 645.44,
1.4 subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 645.44, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

2.1 after Thanksgiving shall be holidays. Where it is determined that Columbus Day or the
2.2 Friday after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted thereon.

2.3 Any agreement between a public employer and an employee organization citing Veterans
2.4 Day as the fourth Monday in October shall be amended to cite Veterans Day as November
2.5 11.