

Public Law 98-144  
98th Congress

An Act

To amend title 5, United States Code, to make the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., a legal public holiday.

Nov. 2, 1983

[H.R. 3706]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately below the item relating to New Year's Day the following:

Birthday of  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr.  
Legal public  
holiday.

"Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the third Monday in January."

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall take effect on the first January 1 that occurs after the two-year period following the date of the enactment of this Act.

Effective date.  
5 USC 6103 note.

Approved November 2, 1983.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3706 (H.R. 3345):

HOUSE REPORT No. 98-314 accompanying H.R. 3345 (Comm. on Post Office and Civil Service).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 129 (1983):

Aug. 2, considered and passed House.

Oct. 18, 19, considered and passed Senate.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 19, No. 44 (1983):

Nov. 2, Presidential statement.