

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (JERSEY) ACT 200-

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by the Chief Minister

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REPORT

The current position regarding the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays comes from the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Law 1951 (which sets general rules about holidays) and a Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 1952 (which specifies what days are to be holidays).

The 1952 Act stipulates that if *Christmas Day* falls on a Saturday, then the public holiday is moved to 27th December (which would be a Monday). However, in the case of Boxing Day, the public holiday is not moved, but remains on the Saturday.

This would be the case in 2009. In practice, the result of this would be that everyone who works from Monday to Friday would lose the 2009 Boxing Day holiday.

The Chief Minister has, therefore, asked the Law Draftsman to prepare this Draft Act to allow the 2009 Boxing Day holiday to be moved to Monday 28 December.

This Monday would be a substitute, not additional holiday. Saturday 26th December would therefore not be a public holiday.

Consultation has taken place with the Chamber of Commerce through the Economic Development Department. In the United Kingdom, Boxing Day is automatically moved to the Monday when it stands to fall on a Saturday.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no manpower or financial implications for this Draft Act.

Explanatory Note

Under the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 1952, 26th December is expressed to be a public holiday if it falls on a week day. Week days are construed as Monday to Saturday.

In 2009, 26th December falls on a Saturday. This Act would have the effect that, in 2009, Monday 28th December would be a public holiday instead of Saturday 26th.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2 of the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Law 1951¹, have made the following Act –

1 Boxing Day moved in 2009

For the year 2009, the Schedule to the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 1952² shall have as effect as if for the words “26th December, if a week day” there were substituted the words “28th December”.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 200-.

¹ *chapter 15.560*
² *chapter 15.560.20*