

SARAWAK

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE

(Sarawak Cap. 8)

An Ordinance to declare the law with regard to State public holidays

[16th December, 1946]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Holidays Ordinance.

Interpretation.

2. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the day next following a public holiday shall mean the next following day not being itself a public holiday or Sunday.

Certain days to be holidays.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the several days mentioned in the First and Second Schedules hereinafter referred to as public holidays, shall be kept as public holidays in Sarawak:

Provided that, if any of the public holidays mentioned in the Second Schedule does not fall on a Monday, such public holiday shall be kept on the nearest Monday thereto.

[Section 3 amended by Ordinance 26 of 1953 and recast by Commissioners of Law Revision]

Power to exclude.

4. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri in Council may make regulations excluding in whole or in part from the operation of this Ordinance any public office or any department thereof, and thereupon all acts and things relating to such public office or department thereof may be done and performed on any public holiday, notwithstanding this Ordinance.

[Former sections 5, 6 and 7 repealed by F.L.N. 260 of 1965]

Yang di-Pertua Negeri may appoint special days to be observed as public holidays

5. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri may by notification in the *Gazette* at any time appoint a special day to be observed as a public holiday in addition to, or in substitution for, any of the days mentioned in the First or Second Schedule, and thereupon this Ordinance shall be applicable to such day in the some manner as if the said day had been mentioned in the appropriate Schedule. [8]

[Amended by Ordinance 26 of 1953]

Appointment of special bank holidays

6. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri in Council may, be Order, appoint a specified day to be observed as a bank holiday, either throughout Sarawak or in any locality thereof, and any day so appointed shall be kept as a holiday in all banks within the locality mentioned in such Order. [9]

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FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 3)

The first day of January

Chinese New Year and the following day

Good Friday. [Swk. L.N. 105/66]

Wesak Day [Swk. L.N. 3/80]

The Birthday of Prophet Mohammad [G.N.S. 239/63]

The Birthday of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong [G.N.S. 239/63]

Hari Raya Puasa and the following day

Hari Raya Haji

Christmas day and Awal Muharram [Swk. L.N. 78/77]

Dayak Festival Day and the day following. [Swk L.N. 105/66; Swk. L.N. 63/69 1st June of every year]

31st August – National Day [G.N.S. 239/63; Swk. L.N. 54/74; Swk. L.N. 3/2010]

The first day of May – Workers' Celebration Day (Swk L.N. 1773 and 54/74]

Malaysia Day – [Swk. L.N. 3/2010]

If any of these days falls in a Sunday the following Monday shall be a Public Holiday unless otherwise ordered by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri by notification in the *Gazette*.

[Amended by Ordinance 26 of 1953]

