

after the comma following the word "January" and before the word "the", the words "the twelfth day of February," so that the section shall read when amended as follows:

"The first day of the week, called Sunday, the first day of January, the twelfth day of February, the twenty-second day of February, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday in September, the twenty-fifth day of December, the day of general election, and any day appointed or recommended by the governor of this state or by the president of the United States as a day of fasting or thanksgiving, shall be regarded as holidays for all purposes relating to the presentation for payment or acceptance, and for the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, drafts, bank checks, orders and promissory notes, and any blank [bank] or mercantile paper falling due on any of the days above named shall be considered as falling due on the succeeding business day."

SEC. 2. In effect. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved January 25, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital January 26, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 194.

PRIVATE AND CORPORATE SEALS.

S. F. 399.

AN ACT to repeal section three thousand sixty-eight (3068) of the code and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to the use of private seals by individuals, firms or corporations, and the use of corporate seals by certain corporations in the matter of the execution of written contracts and other instruments of writing.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Repeal—private seals abolished—corporate seals, how used. Section three thousand sixty-eight (3068) of the code is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"The use of private seals in written contracts, or other instruments in writing, by individuals, firms, or corporations that have not adopted a corporate seal, is hereby abolished; and the addition of a seal to any such instrument shall not affect its character or validity in any respect; but in the execution of any written instrument conveying, incumbering or affecting real estate by a corporation that has adopted a corporate seal, the seal of such corporation shall be attached or affixed to such written instrument, or if the corporation has not adopted a corporate seal such fact shall be stated in such written instrument, except that it shall not hereafter be necessary to attach or affix the corporate seal to any release or satisfaction of any mortgage, judgment or other lien, that is made or entered by any corporation on the page or pages of the official record where any such lien appears recorded or entered, but the officer executing such release or satisfaction shall therein certify that same is executed with authority of the board of directors of such corporation, and the county recorder or deputy shall attach thereto a statement showing the relation such officer then bears to the corporation."

Approved April 15, A. D. 1909.