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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1039

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; TO ADOPT
9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENTLY; TO AMEND THE DUTIES
10 OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 CONCERNING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; TO ADOPT
15 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENTLY; AND TO
16 AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF
17 STATE.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 1-1-104. Daylight Saving Time – Intent to adopt permanently when
25 permitted by federal law.

26 (a) The General Assembly intends to adopt Daylight Saving Time as the
27 permanent standard time of the State of Arkansas when the United States
28 Government allows states to observe Daylight Saving Time permanently under 15
29 U.S.C. § 260a.

30 (b)(1) The Secretary of State shall continually monitor action by the:

31 (A) United States Government and shall determine whether
32 15 U.S.C. § 260a has been amended to allow states to observe Daylight Saving
33 Time permanently; and

34 (B) States bordering Arkansas and shall determine whether
35 each of the bordering states has declared its intention to adopt Daylight
36 Saving Time permanently.



1 (2) If the Secretary of State determines that 15 U.S.C. § 260a
2 has been amended to allow states to observe Daylight Saving Time permanently
3 and that all of the states bordering Arkansas have declared their intention
4 to adopt Daylight Saving Time permanently:

5 (A) The Secretary of State shall inform the Governor, the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
7 Senate, and the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research within five
8 (5) business days of making the determinations required under subdivision
9 (b)(1) of this section; and

10 (B)(i) The state shall observe Daylight Saving Time
11 permanently as the standard time in the State of Arkansas.

12 (ii) If the determinations required under
13 subdivision (b)(1) of this section are made on or after the second Sunday in
14 March and before the first Sunday in November, the standard time of the state
15 shall not change in November, and Daylight Saving Time shall be adopted
16 permanently in the state.

17 (iii) If the determinations required under
18 subdivision (b)(1) of this section are made on or after the first Sunday in
19 November and before the second Sunday in March, at 2:00 a.m. on the second
20 Sunday of March following the determinations required under subdivision
21 (b)(1) of this section, the standard time of the State of Arkansas shall be
22 advanced one (1) hour and remain there permanently.

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