

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

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FALCONER, GAROFALO, GUINN, HAVARD, HORTON, NANCY LANDRY,
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Daylight Saving Time Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to the observance of daylight saving time and to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs by not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Time Act was enacted by the United States federal government April 13, 1966, to promote the adoption and observance of uniform time within the standard time zones; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the law, Louisiana has observed daylight saving time since April 30, 1967; and

WHEREAS, that compliance requires all Louisiana residents to change their clocks by one hour two times a year; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence to suggest that the changes in time cause adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence to suggest that the changes in time negatively affect productivity at work and school; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence to suggest that changes in time diminish motor skills and lead to an increase in injuries at home and in the work place; and

WHEREAS, research has shown a spike in car accidents following a daylight saving time change; and

WHEREAS, farmers report difficulties effectively producing animal products, as a result of the animals' inability to adjust to the abrupt changes in time; and

WHEREAS, the observation of daylight saving time has been linked to various economic factors; and

WHEREAS, the effect of daylight saving time on energy consumption is highly disputed; and

WHEREAS, an exemption exists in the law allowing a state to opt out of observing daylight saving time through passing state legislation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to allow for study of various factors to assess the potential effects of implementing a change to Louisiana's current observance of daylight saving time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Daylight Saving Time Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to observance of daylight saving time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The lieutenant governor or his designee.
- (2) The state superintendent of education or his designee.
- (3) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his designee.
- (7) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission or his designee.
- (9) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (10) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate.
- (11) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members shall serve without compensation and shall elect a chairman from their membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any member selecting a designee shall select a representative from his respective office, board, system, agency, or association, as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider the effect of daylight saving time on the following factors in making its recommendations:

- (1) Energy and electricity usage.
- (2) Farming and livestock.
- (3) Physical and mental health.
- (4) Recreation.
- (5) Student performance.
- (6) Tourism.
- (7) Traffic accidents.
- (8) Workplace performance.
- (9) All other factors the task force deems important.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs by not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the lieutenant governor, the state superintendent of education, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE