

SENATE No. 2239

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)
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SENATE, Monday, April 25, 2016

The committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to whom was referred the (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 2040) of Thomas Emswiler for legislation relative to studying the impacts of changing the Massachusetts time zone,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2239).

For the committee,
Eileen M. Donoghue

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Resolve relative to studying the impacts of changing the Massachusetts time zone.

1 Resolved, that a special commission is hereby established to conduct a comprehensive
2 study relative to the practical, economic, fiscal, and health related impacts for Massachusetts if
3 the commonwealth were to remain on Eastern Daylight Time, four hours behind coordinated
4 universal time and also known as Atlantic Standard Time, throughout the calendar year. Said
5 study shall focus on the impact to local and regional economies, education, public health,
6 transportation, energy consumption, commerce and trade if the time zone is altered.

7 The special commission shall consist of 11 members: 3 persons to be appointed by the
8 governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the executive office of health and human resources
9 and 1 of whom shall be a member of the executive office of education; 3 persons to be appointed
10 by the president of the senate, one of whom shall have expertise in economic development and
11 one of whom shall have expertise in energy, 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of
12 the senate, 3 persons to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom
13 shall have expertise in interstate commerce and one of whom shall have expertise in
14 transportation, and 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
15 representatives.

16 The special commission shall convene its first meeting on or before October 1, 2016 and
17 shall submit its final report, and any recommendations for legislative reforms, no later than
18 March 31, 2017, to be filed with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives who
19 shall forward a copy of the report to the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
20 economic development and emerging technologies, the joint committee on public health, and the
21 joint committee on education.

22 The special commission may receive and expend grants, gifts, contributions, bequests and
23 in-kind contributions, including volunteer services, from individuals, corporations or other
24 business entities, foundations and state or other government bodies for the purpose of completing
25 this study.

26 The special commission shall be dissolved after the submission of the final report.