

HOUSE BILL 1013

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By: **Delegate Crosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Standard Time – Year–Round Daylight Saving Time**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time
4 year–round; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating
5 to the State standard time.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – General Provisions
8 Section 1–301
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – General Provisions**

14 1–301.

15 (a) The standard time in the State shall be [that of the 75th meridian of longitude
16 west from Greenwich] **EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME YEAR–ROUND.**

17 (b) The standard time described under subsection (a) of this section shall regulate
18 all courts, banking institutions, public offices, and legal or official proceedings.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) “Coordinated Universal Time” means the time scale maintained

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 through the General Conference of Weights and Measures and interpreted or modified for
2 the United States by the Secretary of Commerce in coordination with the Secretary of the
3 Navy.

4 (3) "Eastern Daylight Time" means Coordinated Universal Time minus 4
5 hours.

6 (4) "Eastern time zone" means the geographic area established as the
7 "second zone" under federal law with a standard time of Coordinated Universal Time minus
8 5 hours.

9 (b) Section 1 of this Act is contingent on:

10 (1) enacting of a similar act by all of the states, including the District of
11 Columbia, whose geographic boundaries are completely within the eastern time zone; and

12 (2) 15 U.S.C. § 260a being amended to allow the states or a state,
13 individually, to observe a year-round standard time that is consistent with Eastern
14 Daylight Time.

15 (c) (1) The Secretary of State shall monitor:

16 (i) which states have enacted an act that is similar to this Act; and

17 (ii) action by the federal government to determine whether the
18 change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a described under item (b)(2) of this section is made.

19 (2) If the Secretary of State determines that all of the necessary states have
20 enacted a similar act to this Act and the federal government has made the change to 15
21 U.S.C. § 260a in accordance with this section, the Secretary of State shall notify the
22 Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the determination is made.

23 (d) If the Department of Legislative Services receives the notice described in
24 subsection (c)(2) of this section on or before December 31, 2026, Section 1 of this Act shall
25 take effect on the earlier of the second Sunday of March or the first Sunday of November
26 after the following have occurred:

27 (1) all of the necessary states have enacted a similar act to this Act; and

28 (2) the change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a becomes effective.

29 (e) If the Department of Legislative Services does not receive the notice described
30 in subsection (c)(2) of this section on or before December 31, 2026, Section 1 of this Act,
31 with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section
33 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.