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# H. R. 1279

To make daylight savings time permanent, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2023

Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. POSEY, Mr. MILLS, Mr. MAST, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. COMER, Mr. STRONG, Ms. MACE, Mr. CARL, and Mr. BURCHETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To make daylight savings time permanent, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sunshine Protection  
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAKING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME PERMANENT.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY PERIOD FOR DAYLIGHT  
8 SAVINGS TIME.—Section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of  
9 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a) is hereby repealed.

1 (b) ADVANCEMENT OF STANDARD TIME.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence of sub-  
3 section (a) of section 1 of the Act of March 19,  
4 1918 (commonly known as the “Calder Act”) (15  
5 U.S.C. 261), is amended—

6 (A) by striking “4 hours” and inserting “3  
7 hours”;

8 (B) by striking “5 hours” and inserting “4  
9 hours”;

10 (C) by striking “6 hours” and inserting “5  
11 hours”;

12 (D) by striking “7 hours” and inserting “6  
13 hours”;

14 (E) by striking “8 hours” and inserting  
15 “by 7 hours”;

16 (F) by striking “9 hours” and inserting “8  
17 hours”;

18 (G) by striking “10 hours;” and inserting  
19 “9 hours;”;

20 (H) by striking “11 hours” and inserting  
21 “10 hours”; and

22 (I) by striking “10 hours.” and inserting  
23 “11 hours.”.

24 (2) STATE EXEMPTION.—Such section is fur-  
25 ther amended by—

1 (A) redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
2 section (c); and

3 (B) inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(b) STANDARD TIME FOR CERTAIN STATES AND  
6 AREAS.—The standard time for a State that has exempted  
7 itself from the provisions of section 3(a) of the Uniform  
8 Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a(a)), as in effect on  
9 the day before the date of the enactment of the Sunshine  
10 Protection Act of 2023, pursuant to such section, or an  
11 area of a State that has exempted such area from such  
12 provisions pursuant to such section, shall be, as such State  
13 considers appropriate—

14 “(1) the standard time for such State or area,  
15 as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (a) of  
16 this section; or

17 “(2) the standard time for such State or area,  
18 as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (a) of  
19 this section as it was in effect on the day before the  
20 date of the enactment of the Sunshine Protection  
21 Act of 2023.”.

22 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such section  
23 is further amended, in the second sentence of sub-  
24 section (a), by striking “Except as provided in sec-  
25 tion 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15

1 U.S.C. 260a),” and inserting “Except as provided in  
2 subsection (b),”.

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