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Introduced by Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Demrow of Corinth,  
Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, and McGill  
of Bridport

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: General provisions; standard time

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to place  
Vermont on U.S. Eastern Standard Time on a year-round basis.

An act relating to the establishment of year-round U.S. Eastern Standard  
Time

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds:

(1) Standard time approximates natural solar time.

(2) Changing clocks twice a year is personally disruptive and neither a  
healthy nor safe activity.

(3) Many biologists, endocrinology immunologists, psychologists, and

1 scientists in other disciplines; child advocates; and teachers believe that standard  
2 time provides the best conditions for individual learning, mental and physical  
3 well-being, personal safety, and productivity.

4 Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 431 is amended to read

5 § 431. STANDARD TIME;~~DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME~~

6 (a) The standard time within the State of Vermont shall be based on the  
7 mean astronomical time of 75° of longitude west from Greenwich, known and  
8 designated as “U.S. Eastern Standard Time;” ~~except as provided in 15 U.S.C.~~  
9 ~~§ 260a, when standard time shall be advanced one hour. The period of time so~~  
10 ~~advanced may be called “daylight saving time.”~~

11 (b) ~~The Governor is authorized to shorten or lengthen the period specified~~  
12 ~~in subsection (a) of this section by proclamation, if necessary to make the time~~  
13 ~~accord with the time in effect in any of the states whose boundaries adjoin~~  
14 ~~Vermont. This proclamation shall be issued at least 10 days before it takes~~  
15 ~~effect. [Repealed.]~~

16 Sec. 3. TRANSITION TO YEAR-ROUND U.S. EASTERN STANDARD  
17 TIME

18 The transition to the observance of year-round U.S. Eastern Standard Time  
19 shall occur on January 1 in the year following the enactment of year-round  
20 U.S. Eastern Standard Time in the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire,  
21 and New York in accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 260a.

1       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES AND TRANSITION

2               This section and Secs. 1 (findings) and 3 (transition to year-round U.S.  
3               Eastern Standard Time) shall take effect on July 1, 2023, and Sec. 2 (standard  
4               time) shall take effect in accordance with the provisions set forth of Sec. 3.