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Introduced by Representative Young of Greensboro
Referred to Committee on
Date:
Subject: General provisions; daylight saving time
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to place
Vermont on U.S. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on a year-round basis.

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

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

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

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

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

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 [Repealed.]~~

6 Sec. 2. TRANSITION TO YEAR-ROUND U.S. EASTERN DAYLIGHT

7 SAVING TIME

8 The transition to the observance of year-round U.S. Eastern Daylight
9 Saving Time shall be subject to the U.S. Congress granting authorization for
10 the elimination of the observance of U.S. Eastern Standard Time within the
11 boundaries of the State of Vermont.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

13 This section and Sec. 2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2019. If the
14 effective date of the congressional authorization, as set forth in Sec. 2 of this
15 act, occurs while Vermont is observing U.S. Eastern Standard Time, the
16 effective date of Sec. 1 shall be on the date that Vermont is next scheduled to
17 switch to U.S. Eastern Daylight Saving Time in accordance with the provisions
18 of 15 U.S.C. § 260a. If the effective date of the congressional authorization, as
19 set forth in Sec. 2 of this act, occurs while Vermont is observing U.S. Eastern
20 Daylight Saving Time, then Sec. 2 shall take effect on the same date as the
21 congressional authorization becomes effective.