

1 S.186

2 Introduced by Senator Champion

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: General provisions; daylight saving time

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
7 legislative study committee to examine the feasibility of ending the observance
8 of Daylight Saving Time in Vermont.

9 An act relating to establishing a legislative study committee to examine the
10 feasibility of ending the observance of Daylight Saving Time in Vermont

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

12 Sec. 1. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STUDY COMMITTEE; CREATION;

13 RECOMMENDATIONS

14 (a) Creation. There is created the Daylight Saving Time Study Committee
15 to examine the future of Daylight Saving Time in Vermont.

16 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following eight
17 members:

18 (1) four current members of the House of Representatives, including the
19 designation of a co-chair, not all from the same political party, who shall be
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

1 (2) four current members of the Senate, including the designation of a
2 co-chair, not all from the same political party, who shall be appointed by the
3 Committee on Committees.

4 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall examine the future of Daylight
5 Saving Time in Vermont, including the following issues:

6 (1) the health and other societal effects of the semiannual one-hour
7 forwarding and reversing of the clock;

8 (2) Vermont's participation in a regionally coordinated effort to end
9 Daylight Saving Time, or alternatively, the impact of Vermont's ending its
10 observance of Daylight Saving Time if adjoining states and the Province of
11 Quebec continue their observance; and

12 (3) the time option the State would adopt on a year-round basis.

13 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
14 and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal
15 Office.

16 (e) Report. Any recommendations that the Committee decides to submit to
17 the General Assembly shall be in the form of legislation to be introduced
18 during the 2019 biennial session.

19 (f) Meetings.

20 (1) The designated Co-Chairs of the Committee shall call the first
21 meeting to occur on or before September 1, 2018.

1 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum, and a
2 majority of the quorum personally attending a meeting shall be required to
3 adopt any action, other than to adjourn or schedule a future meeting.

4 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during
5 the adjournment of the General Assembly, a member of the Committee shall be
6 entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
7 2 V.S.A. § 406 for not more than four meetings. These payments shall be
8 made from monies appropriated to the General Assembly from the
9 General Fund.

10 (h) Termination of Committee. The Committee shall cease to exist on
11 January 15, 2019.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.