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 [Repealed.]

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

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

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

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