

1 H.559

2 Introduced by Representative Yacovone of Morristown

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Time; daylight time; standard time

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to exempt
7 Vermont from the observance of daylight saving time and introduce the
8 observance of year-round standard time.

9 An act relating to the elimination of daylight saving time and the
10 introduction of year-round observance of standard time

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

12 Sec. 1. LEGAL AUTHORITY

13 Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 260a(a), any state located in a single time zone may
14 exempt itself from the observance of daylight saving time.

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

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

17 (a) The standard time within the State of Vermont shall be based on the
18 mean astronomical time of the 75° of longitude west from Greenwich, known
19 and designated as "~~U.S. Standard Eastern time,~~" ~~except on two o'clock ante~~
20 ~~meridian of the last Sunday in April in every year and until two o'clock ante~~

1 ~~meridian of the last Sunday in September in the same year, standard time is~~
2 ~~advanced one hour. The period of time so advanced may be called “daylight~~
3 ~~saving time.” “U.S. Standard Eastern time.”~~

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

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.