Introduced by Representative Yacovone of Morristown

Referred to Committee on

Subject: Time; daylight time; standard time

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

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

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

Sec. 1. LEGAL AUTHORITY

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

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

§ 431. STANDARD TIME; DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME OBSERVANCE

(a) The standard time within the State of Vermont shall be based on the mean astronomical time of the 75° of longitude west from Greenwich, known and designated as “U.S. Standard Eastern time,” except on two o’clock ante meridian of the last Sunday in April in every year and until two o’clock ante
meridian of the last Sunday in September in the same year, standard time is
advanced one hour. The period of time so advanced may be called “daylight
saving time.” “U.S. Standard Eastern 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.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.