
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 272 Session of
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21, No.18), entitled "An
2 act for the establishment of a uniform standard of time
3 throughout the Commonwealth," observing daylight saving time
4 year-around if authorized by the Congress of the United
5 States.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21,
9 No.18), entitled "An act for the establishment of a uniform
10 standard of time throughout the Commonwealth," is amended to
11 read:

12 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That (a) on and after the
13 first day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and
14 eighty-seven, the mean solar time of the seventy-fifth meridian
15 of longitude west of Greenwich, commonly called eastern standard
16 time, shall be the sole and uniform legal standard of time
17 throughout this Commonwealth; and on and after the date
18 aforesaid all days shall everywhere be taken to begin and end in
19 accordance with said standard; and every mention of, or

1 reference to, any hour or time in any and all existing future
2 acts of Assembly, municipal ordinances, and corporate bylaws, in
3 any and all existing or future rules or regulations adopted by
4 any public officer or official board, in any and all rules of
5 the courts of the Commonwealth or any of them, whether standing
6 or special, and whether now in force or hereafter to be
7 promulgated, in any and all orders, judgments and decrees of
8 said courts of any of them, and judgments and sentences of
9 magistrates pronounced or entered on or after the date
10 aforesaid, in any and all contracts, deeds, wills, and notices,
11 and in the transaction of all matters of business, public,
12 legal, commercial, or otherwise,--shall be construed with
13 reference to, and in accordance with, the said standard hereby
14 adopted, unless a different standard is therein expressly
15 provided for: Provided, however, That this act shall not operate
16 to impose upon any person any forfeiture of rights, or subject
17 him to the consequences of any default, by reason of any
18 failure, occurring prior to the date aforesaid, to comply with
19 the requirement of, or do any act under or in pursuance of any
20 law, ordinance, contract, notice, deed, will, regulation, rule,
21 order, judgment, sentence, or decree, if such person shall,
22 before the said date, have properly done the act or acts which
23 would be requisite to save such forfeiture or prevent such
24 default had this law not been enacted: And provided, further,
25 That when the standard time shall be advanced, for any portion
26 of the year, by any act of Congress, now in force or hereafter
27 passed, the time so fixed by such act of Congress shall be the
28 standard time of this Commonwealth for such portion of the year:
29 And provided, That no county, city, borough, town, township, or
30 other municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth shall, by

1 ordinance, resolution, or rule, adopt a different standard of
2 time for any year, or any portion of the year, than that herein
3 provided; and all ordinances, resolutions and rules heretofore
4 adopted, contrary to this proviso, are declared to be void and
5 of no effect.

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the
7 standard of time in this State, between 2 o'clock antemeridian
8 on the last Sunday in April and 2 o'clock antemeridian on the
9 last Sunday in October of each year, shall be one hour in
10 advance of that prescribed above, commonly known as daylight
11 saving time. If the Congress of the United States authorizes
12 states to observe daylight saving time year-round, the standard
13 of time in this Commonwealth shall be daylight saving time year-
14 round.

15 Section 2. The amendment of section 1 of the act shall apply
16 to calendar years beginning on and after the effective date of
17 this section.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.