

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2537

To make daylight savings time permanent, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2018

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To make daylight savings time permanent, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sunshine Protection
5 Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAKING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME PERMANENT.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY PERIOD FOR DAYLIGHT
8 SAVINGS TIME.—Section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of
9 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a) is hereby repealed.

10 (b) ADVANCEMENT OF STANDARD TIME.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1
2 of the Act of March 19, 1918, (commonly known as
3 the “Calder Act”) (15 U.S.C. 261) is amended, in
4 the second sentence—

5 (A) by striking “5 hours” and inserting “4
6 hours”;

7 (B) by striking “6 hours” and inserting “5
8 hours”;

9 (C) by striking “7 hours” and inserting “6
10 hours”;

11 (D) by striking “8 hours” and inserting
12 “by 7 hours”;

13 (E) by striking “9 hours” and inserting “8
14 hours”;

15 (F) by striking “10 hours;” and inserting
16 “9 hours;”;

17 (G) by striking “11 hours” and inserting
18 “10 hours”; and

19 (H) by striking “10 hours.” and inserting
20 “11 hours.”.

21 (2) STATE EXEMPTION.—Such section is fur-
22 ther amended by—

23 (A) redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
24 section (c); and

1 (B) inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(b) STANDARD TIME FOR CERTAIN STATES AND
4 AREAS.—The standard time for a State that has exempted
5 itself from the provisions of section 3(a) of the Uniform
6 Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a(a)), as in effect on
7 the day before the date of the enactment of the Sunshine
8 Protection Act of 2018, pursuant to such section or an
9 area of a State that has exempted such area from such
10 provisions pursuant to such section shall be, as such State
11 considers appropriate—

12 “(1) the standard time for such State or area,
13 as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (a) of
14 this section; or

15 “(2) the standard time for such State or area,
16 as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (a) of
17 this section as it was in effect on the day before the
18 date of the enactment of the Sunshine Protection
19 Act of 2018.”.

20 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such section
21 is further amended, in the second sentence, by strik-
22 ing “Except as provided in section 3(a) of the Uni-
23 form Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a(a)), the”

1 and inserting “Except as provided in subsection
2 (b),”.

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