

1 H.329

2 Introduced by Representative Chase of Colchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: General provisions; daylight saving time

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to place
7 Vermont on U.S. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on a year-round basis.

8 An act relating to the establishment of year-round U.S. Eastern Daylight
9 Saving Time

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

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

12 § 431. STANDARD TIME; DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

13 (a) The ~~standard~~ time within the State of Vermont shall be ~~based on the set~~
14 year-round one hour ahead of the mean astronomical time of 75° of longitude
15 west from Greenwich, known and designated as “U.S. Eastern Standard
16 Time;” ~~except as provided in 15 U.S.C. § 260a, when standard time shall be~~
17 ~~advanced one hour. The period of time so advanced may be called “daylight~~
18 ~~saving time. This time may be designated as U.S. Eastern Daylight Saving~~
19 Time.

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 [Repealed.]~~

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

7 SAVING TIME

8 The transition to the observance of year-round U.S. Eastern Daylight
9 Saving Time shall be subject to the U.S. Congress granting authorization for
10 the elimination of the observance of U.S. Eastern Standard Time in each of the
11 six New England states.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

13 This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2023. If the effective
14 date of the congressional authorization, as set forth in Sec. 2, occurs while
15 Vermont is observing U.S. Eastern Standard Time, the effective date of Sec. 1
16 shall be on the date that Vermont is next scheduled to switch to U.S. Eastern
17 Daylight Saving Time in accordance with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 260a.
18 If the effective date of the congressional authorization, as set forth in Sec. 2,
19 occurs while Vermont is observing U.S. Eastern Daylight Saving Time, then
20 Sec. 2 shall take effect on the same date as the congressional authorization
21 becomes effective.