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By: **Delegate Crosby**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Standard Time – Year–Round Daylight Saving Time

FOR the purpose of altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year–round; and generally relating to the State standard time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – General Provisions

1–301.

(a) The standard time in the State shall be [that of the 75th meridian of longitude west from Greenwich] **EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME YEAR–ROUND**.

(b) The standard time described under subsection (a) of this section shall regulate all courts, banking institutions, public offices, and legal or official proceedings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Coordinated Universal Time” means the time scale maintained through the General Conference of Weights and Measures and interpreted or modified for

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



the United States by the Secretary of Commerce in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy.

(3) “Eastern Daylight Time” means Coordinated Universal Time minus 4 hours.

(b) Section 1 of this Act is contingent on:

(1) enacting of a similar act by Delaware, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; and

(2) 15 U.S.C. § 260a being amended to allow the states or a state, individually, to observe a year-round standard time that is consistent with Eastern Daylight Time.

(c) (1) The Secretary of State shall monitor:

(i) which states have enacted an act that is similar to this Act; and

(ii) action by the federal government to determine whether the change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a described under subsection (b)(2) of this section is made.

(2) If the Secretary of State determines that all of the necessary states have enacted a similar act to this Act and the federal government has made the change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a in accordance with this section, the Secretary of State shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the determination is made.

(d) If the Department of Legislative Services receives the notice described in subsection (c)(2) of this section on or before December 31, 2028, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the earlier of the second Sunday of March or the first Sunday of November after the following have occurred:

(1) all of the necessary states have enacted a similar act to this Act; and

(2) the change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a becomes effective.

(e) If the Department of Legislative Services does not receive the notice described in subsection (c)(2) of this section on or before December 31, 2028, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.