

HB4224



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 1/5/2022, by Rep. Sue Scherer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 440/1

from Ch. 1, par. 3201

Amends the Time Standardization Act. Provides that Daylight Saving Time shall be the year-round standard time of the entire State.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Sunshine
5 Saving Act.

6 Section 3. Findings.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares the following:

8 (1) Based upon federal requirements, the majority of
9 the states, including Illinois, advance the standard time
10 of the state by one hour on the second Sunday of March of
11 each year through the first Sunday of November, which
12 constitutes what is referred to as Daylight Saving Time.

13 (2) Daylight Saving Time lasts for 8 months, which
14 means that the citizens of this State live more months
15 under Daylight Saving Time than the standard time that
16 would exist without the time change due to Daylight Saving
17 Time.

18 (3) Studies have shown that making Daylight Saving
19 Time permanent could have the following benefits: (i)
20 reduce car crashes and accidents involving pedestrians;
21 (ii) reduce risk for cardiac issues, stroke, and seasonal
22 depression; (iii) reduce robberies, due to more daylight
23 in the evenings; (iv) increase economic activity; (v)

1 reduce childhood obesity and increase physical fitness;
2 (vi) help the agricultural industry by eliminating
3 biannual disruptions in farmers' schedules and supply
4 chain partners; and (vii) reduce energy usage.

5 (4) Many states have introduced bills and resolutions
6 concerning Daylight Saving Time, including at least 19
7 states in the last 4 years that have enacted legislation
8 or passed resolutions to provide for year-round Daylight
9 Saving Time.

10 (b) Following the trend set by the many states of
11 legislation on the topic of Daylight Saving Time, the General
12 Assembly finds and declares that Daylight Saving Time should
13 be the year-round standard time of the entire State and that
14 this legislation is necessary for and beneficial to the people
15 of Illinois. The General Assembly further urges that the
16 Congress of the United States undertake the matter as well.

17 Section 5. The Time Standardization Act is amended by
18 changing Section 1 as follows:

19 (5 ILCS 440/1) (from Ch. 1, par. 3201)

20 Sec. 1. Notwithstanding how time is advanced pursuant to
21 the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. 260a, at ~~At~~ two
22 o'clock ante meridian of the second Sunday in March of 2023
23 ~~each year~~, the standard time in this State shall be advanced
24 one hour; and thereafter, Daylight Saving Time shall be the

1 ~~year-round standard time of the entire State, and at two~~
2 ~~o'clock ante meridian of the first Sunday in November of each~~
3 ~~year the standard time in this State shall, by the retarding of~~
4 ~~one hour, be made to coincide with the mean astronomical time~~
5 ~~of the ninety degrees of longitude West from Greenwich, the~~
6 ~~standard official time of which is described as United States~~
7 ~~standard central time, so that between the second Sunday of~~
8 ~~March at two o'clock ante meridian in each year and the first~~
9 ~~Sunday in November at two o'clock ante meridian in each year~~
10 ~~the standard time in this State shall be one hour in advance of~~
11 ~~the United States standard central time: Provided, however,~~
12 ~~that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to be in~~
13 ~~contravention of any federal law or authorized order of the~~
14 ~~Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to the time zones~~
15 ~~of the United States. And in all laws, statutes, orders,~~
16 ~~judgments, rules and regulations relating to the time of~~
17 ~~performance of any act of any officer or department of this~~
18 ~~State, or of any county, township, city or town, municipal~~
19 ~~corporation, agency or instrumentality of the State, or school~~
20 ~~district or school authority or relating to the time in which~~
21 ~~any rights shall accrue or determine, or within which any act~~
22 ~~shall or shall not be performed by any person subject to the~~
23 ~~jurisdiction of the State, and in all the public schools and in~~
24 ~~all institutions of the State, or of any county, township,~~
25 ~~city or town, municipal corporation, agency or instrumentality~~
26 ~~of the State or school district or school authority, and in all~~

1 contracts or choses in action made or to be performed in the
2 State, it shall be understood and intended that the time shall
3 be the time prescribed in this Section.

4 ~~If the date on which time is to be advanced one hour, the~~
5 ~~date on which time is to be retarded one hour, or both, as set~~
6 ~~forth under Section 260a of the federal Uniform Time Act of~~
7 ~~1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a), as now or hereafter amended,~~
8 ~~renumbered, or succeeded, differs from either or both of those~~
9 ~~dates as set forth under this Section, then the dates set forth~~
10 ~~under the federal law shall control and shall apply in~~
11 ~~Illinois, notwithstanding the dates set forth in this Section.~~
12 (Source: P.A. 95-725, eff. 6-30-08.)