

**HB 1149 - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL            **1149**

AN ACT                relative to abolishing daylight saving time.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 10; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29

COMMITTEE:          Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that New Hampshire shall abolish daylight savings time once Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine have all voted to do so.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to abolishing daylight saving time.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Standard Time. Amend RSA 21:36 to read as follows:

2 21:36 Standard Time. The standard time within the state~~[, except as hereinafter provided,]~~  
3 shall be based on the mean astronomical time of the seventy-fifth degree of longitude west from  
4 Greenwich, known and designated by the federal statute as "Eastern Standard Time." ~~[At 2 o'clock~~  
5 ~~ante meridian of the second Sunday in March of each year, the standard time in this state shall be~~  
6 ~~advanced one hour, at 2 o'clock ante meridian of the first Sunday in November of each year, the~~  
7 ~~standard time in this state shall, by the retarding of one hour, be made to coincide with the~~  
8 ~~astronomical time hereinbefore described as Eastern Standard Time, so that between the second~~  
9 ~~Sunday in March at 2 o'clock ante meridian and the first Sunday in November at 2 o'clock ante~~  
10 ~~meridian in each year the standard time in this state shall be one hour in advance of the United~~  
11 ~~States Standard Time.]~~ In all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules, and regulations relating to the  
12 time of performance by any officer or department of this state, or of any county, city, town, or district  
13 thereof, or relating to the time in which any rights accrue or determine, or within which any act  
14 shall or shall not be performed by any person subject to the jurisdiction of this state, or of any  
15 county, city, town, or district thereof, and in all contracts or choses in action made or to be performed  
16 in this state, it shall be understood and intended that the time shall be as set forth in this section.

17 2 Contingency. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on January 1 in the first year following  
18 certification by the secretary of state to the director of the office of legislative services that he or she  
19 has received certifications from the secretaries of state of Vermont, Maine, and Rhode Island, and  
20 the secretary of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the enactment by law in each jurisdiction of  
21 a permanent year-round "Eastern Standard Time," in substantially the same form as section 1.

22 3 Effective Date.

23 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 2 of this act.

24 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.