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AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21, No.18), entitled "An act for the establishment of a uniform standard of time
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- throughout the Commonwealth," prohibiting the use of daylight 3
- saving time.
- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 5
- hereby enacts as follows: 6
- 7 Section 1. The General Assembly declares that the sole and
- uniform legal standard of time throughout this Commonwealth, 8
- including municipalities of this Commonwealth, shall be eastern 9
- 10 standard time and that daylight saving time shall not be used as
- 11 a standard of time.
- 12 Section 2. Section 1 of the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21,
- 13 No.18), entitled "An act for the establishment of a uniform
- 14 standard of time throughout the Commonwealth," is amended to
- 15 read:
- Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That [(a)] on and after the 16
- 17 first day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and
- eighty-seven, the mean solar time of the seventy-fifth meridian 18

- 1 of longitude west of Greenwich, commonly called eastern standard
- 2 time, shall be the sole and uniform legal standard of time
- 3 throughout this Commonwealth; and on and after the date
- 4 aforesaid all days shall everywhere be taken to begin and end in
- 5 accordance with said standard; and every mention of, or
- 6 reference to, any hour or time in any and all existing future
- 7 acts of Assembly, municipal ordinances, and corporate bylaws, in
- 8 any and all existing or future rules or regulations adopted by
- 9 any public officer or official board, in any and all rules of
- 10 the courts of the Commonwealth or any of them, whether standing
- 11 or special, and whether now in force or hereafter to be
- 12 promulgated, in any and all orders, judgments and decrees of
- 13 said courts of any of them, and judgments and sentences of
- 14 magistrates pronounced or entered on or after the date
- 15 aforesaid, in any and all contracts, deeds, wills, and notices,
- 16 and in the transaction of all matters of business, public,
- 17 legal, commercial, or otherwise, -- shall be construed with
- 18 reference to, and in accordance with, the said standard hereby
- 19 adopted, unless a different standard is therein expressly
- 20 provided for: Provided, however, That this act shall not operate
- 21 to impose upon any person any forfeiture of rights, or subject
- 22 him to the consequences of any default, by reason of any
- 23 failure, occurring prior to the date aforesaid, to comply with
- 24 the requirement of, or do any act under or in pursuance of any
- 25 law, ordinance, contract, notice, deed, will, regulation, rule,
- 26 order, judgment, sentence, or decree, if such person shall,
- 27 before the said date, have properly done the act or acts which
- 28 would be requisite to save such forfeiture or prevent such
- 29 default had this law not been enacted: And provided, further,
- 30 That when the standard time shall be advanced, for any portion

- 1 of the year, by any act of Congress, now in force or hereafter
- 2 passed, the time so fixed by such act of Congress shall be the
- 3 standard time of this Commonwealth for such portion of the year:
- 4 And provided, That no county, city, borough, town, township, or
- 5 other municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth shall, by
- 6 ordinance, resolution, or rule, adopt a different standard of
- 7 time for any year, or any portion of the year, than that herein
- 8 provided; and all ordinances, resolutions and rules heretofore
- 9 adopted, contrary to this proviso, are declared to be void and
- 10 of no effect.
- 11 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the
- 12 standard of time in this State, between 2 o'clock antemeridian
- 13 on the last Sunday in April and 2 o'clock antemeridian on the
- 14 last Sunday in October of each year, shall be one hour in
- 15 advance of that prescribed above, commonly known as daylight
- 16 saving time.]
- 17 Section 3. The amendment of section 1 of the act shall apply
- 18 to calendar years beginning on and after the effective date of
- 19 this section.
- 20 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.