
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 846 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, GROVE, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, ROWE, RYAN, SMITH
AND MOUL, MARCH 9, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 9, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 13, 1887 (P.L.21, No.18), entitled "An
2 act for the establishment of a uniform standard of time
3 throughout the Commonwealth," prohibiting the use of daylight
4 saving time.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The General Assembly declares that the sole and
8 uniform legal standard of time throughout this Commonwealth,
9 including municipalities of this Commonwealth, shall be eastern
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:

16 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That [(a)] on and after the
17 first day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and
18 eighty-seven, the mean solar time of the seventy-fifth meridian
19 of longitude west of Greenwich, commonly called eastern standard

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

1 passed, the time so fixed by such act of Congress shall be the
2 standard time of this Commonwealth for such portion of the year:
3 And provided, That no county, city, borough, town, township, or
4 other municipal subdivision of the Commonwealth shall, by
5 ordinance, resolution, or rule, adopt a different standard of
6 time for any year, or any portion of the year, than that herein
7 provided; and all ordinances, resolutions and rules heretofore
8 adopted, contrary to this proviso, are declared to be void and
9 of no effect.

10 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the
11 standard of time in this State, between 2 o'clock antemeridian
12 on the last Sunday in April and 2 o'clock antemeridian on the
13 last Sunday in October of each year, shall be one hour in
14 advance of that prescribed above, commonly known as daylight
15 saving time.]

16 Section 3. The amendment of section 1 of the act shall apply
17 to calendar years beginning on and after the effective date of
18 this section.

19 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.