
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, SCAVELLO, PITTMAN AND MASTRIANO,
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Petitioning the Congress of the United States to extend daylight
2 saving time throughout the year across the country.

3 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has adopted
4 various versions of daylight saving time since 1918, when the
5 policy originated to support the war industries; and

6 WHEREAS, Continuous daylight saving time was observed during
7 World War II, referred to as War Time, and was reinstated during
8 the 1973 oil embargo; and

9 WHEREAS, Daylight saving time is a policy issue for many
10 states; and

11 WHEREAS, State legislation that provides for advances in time
12 or changeover dates is superseded to the extent it differs from
13 Federal law under 15 U.S.C. § 260a; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Transportation
15 enforces uniform application of 15 U.S.C. § 260a across all time
16 zones; and

17 WHEREAS, Arizona, except for its Navajo Nation residents,
18 Hawaii and the insular territories are exempt from the biannual

1 time changes; and

2 WHEREAS, Congress has noted such benefits as more daylight,
3 increased outdoor playtime for the children and youth of our
4 nation, greater utilization of parks and recreation areas and
5 expanded economic opportunity through extension of daylight
6 hours to peak shopping hours; and

7 WHEREAS, Federal Government analysts have further identified
8 positive effects relating to energy savings, traffic safety and
9 crime reduction; and

10 WHEREAS, The Sunshine Protection Act of 2021, introduced in
11 the 117th Congress, would institute permanent daylight saving
12 time nationwide; and

13 WHEREAS, Without congressional action, daylight saving time
14 ends November 7, 2021, and resumes March 14, 2021; therefore be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 petition the Congress of the United States to extend daylight
18 saving time throughout the year across the country; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
21 the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of
22 Congress from Pennsylvania and to the Office of General Counsel
23 of the United States Department of Transportation at 1200 New
24 Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.