STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 28, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the general construction law, in relation to observing daylight savings time permanently; and to repeal section 2-106 of the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to daylight savings time

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent. If the United States Congress amends 15 U.S.C. section 260a to authorize states to observe daylight savings time year-round, it is the intent of the legislature that daylight savings time shall be the year-round standard time of the entire state and all of its political subdivisions.

§ 2. Section 52 of the general construction law, as amended by chapter 377 of the laws of 1955, is amended to read as follows:

§ 52. Time, standard. [~~1.~~] The standard time throughout this state [~~is that of the seventy-fifth meridian of longitude west from Greenwich, except as hereinafter provided, and all courts and public officers, and legal and official proceedings, shall be regulated thereby.~~

~~2. At two o'clock ante meridian on the last Sunday in April of each year the standard time throughout this state shall be advanced one hour from that of the seventy-fifth meridian of longitude west from Greenwich, and the time so advanced shall continue to be standard time throughout this state until the last Sunday in October of the same year, when such standard time, as so advanced, shall be retarded to that of the seventy-fifth meridian west from Greenwich; and during such period in each year all courts and public officers, and legal and official proceedings, shall be regulated in accordance therewith~~] **and all of the political subdivisions therein shall be daylight savings time for the eastern time zone of the United States**.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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§ 3. Section 2-106 of the administrative code of the city of New York is REPEALED.

§ 4. This act shall take effect at the earlier of two o'clock ante meridian on the first Sunday of November next succeeding or two o'clock ante meridian on the second Sunday of March next succeeding the amendment of 15 U.S.C. section 260a permitting the state to observe daylight savings time for the eastern time zone of the United States permanently; provided that the secretary of state shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the amendment of 15 U.S.C. section 260a permitting the state to observe daylight savings time for the eastern time zone of the United States permanently in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.