

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to establish a task force to study the effects of New York state opting out of daylight saving time; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. a. A task force, to be known as the task force on daylight
2 saving time, is hereby established to study the effects of New York
3 state opting out of daylight saving time. Such task force shall be
4 comprised of appropriate state agency personnel and experts in the field
5 of daylight saving time. The members of the task force shall serve
6 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all
7 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 8 b. The task force shall be comprised of:
- 9 (i) two members appointed by the governor;
10 (ii) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
11 (iii) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;
12 (iv) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and
13 (v) one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.
- 14 c. The task force shall:
- 15 (i) examine and evaluate the potential health risks associated with
16 daylight saving time, such as heart attack;
17 (ii) identify the potential effects of daylight saving on morning
18 activities;
19 (iii) establish whether the act of changing clocks twice a year is
20 economically and/or socially disruptive;
21 (iv) identify the potential effects of daylight saving time on traffic
22 and crime;
23 (v) establish whether daylight saving time currently provides a bene-
24 fit to this state;

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

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1 (vi) examine the history of daylight saving time;
2 (vii) examine any relevant studies on daylight saving time;
3 (viii) evaluate the positions and potential legislation from neighbor-
4 ing states and the federal government on daylight saving time;
5 (ix) identify regulations that are affected by daylight saving time
6 and that would be affected by the elimination of daylight saving time;
7 and
8 (x) make recommendations on whether this state should opt out or
9 continue to utilize daylight saving time.
10 d. Such task force shall submit a report, on or before April 1, 2026,
11 to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and
12 recommendations, and legislative and regulatory proposals deemed neces-
13 sary to implement such recommendations.
14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire December
15 31, 2027 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed
16 repealed.