

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senators Steube, Mayfield, and Taddeo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to time observances; providing a short
3 title; providing legislative intent regarding the
4 State of Florida and its political subdivisions
5 observing daylight saving time year-round under
6 certain conditions; directing the Legislature to
7 submit a request to the Secretary of the United States
8 Department of Transportation to redesignate portions
9 of the state in the Central Time Zone into the Eastern
10 Time Zone; specifying requirements for the request;
11 providing an effective date.

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13 WHEREAS, the State of Florida is known as the "Sunshine
14 State," and

15 WHEREAS, as the "Sunshine State," Florida should be kept
16 sunny year-round, NOW, THEREFORE,

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. (1) This section may be cited as the "Sunshine
21 Protection Act."

22 (2) If the United States Congress amends 15 U.S.C. s. 260a
23 to authorize states to observe daylight saving time year-round,
24 it is the intent of the Legislature that daylight saving time
25 shall be the year-round standard time of the entire state and
26 all of its political subdivisions.

27 Section 2. As soon as practicable after this act becomes a
28 law, the Legislature of the State of Florida shall submit a
29 request to the Secretary of the United States Department of

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30 Transportation to initiate rulemaking to redesignate those
31 portions of Florida that currently lie within the Central Time
32 Zone to the Eastern Time Zone. The request must include a formal
33 certification, contact information, and any supporting
34 documentation demonstrating that moving the entire state of
35 Florida into one time zone would serve the convenience of
36 commerce.

37 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.