



HOUSE BILL 350: Designate NC Time Zone/Observe DST All Year.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 350 would designate the standard time of the State and would institute a year-round daylight saving time if authorized by the United States Congress.*

CURRENT LAW: Currently, the Uniform Time Act of 1966 is the federal law which:

- structures time zones for standard time;
- sets the standard times within zones; and
- includes the temporary advancement of standard time 1-hour, commonly known as Daylight Saving Time.

Federal law supersedes any law of the States regarding change over dates and advances in time related to Daylight Saving Time.

Currently, North Carolina does not have any statutes related to the standard time applicable to this State.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 350 would create an Article 8 within Chapter 81A, Weights and Measures Act of 1975, and:

- Specify that the standard time within this State and its political subdivisions to be the standard time designated by the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the Uniform Time Act of 1966.
- Specify that North Carolina would observe Daylight Saving Time year-round if authorized by Congress.
- Require the Commissioner of Agriculture to notify the Governor of Congress' authorization to observe year-round Daylight Saving Time within 60 days.
- Require the Governor to implement G.S. 81A-100 as enacted by this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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