



# HOUSE BILL 307: NC Time Zone/Observe DST All Year.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs. If favorable, re-refer to State Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 13, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 307 would adopt Daylight Savings Time year-round in North Carolina, if allowed by Congress.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S39, as introduced by Sens. Sawyer, Perry, Johnson, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**CURRENT LAW:** Under federal law, States may opt out of observing Daylight Savings Time by State law. Hawaii and most of Arizona do not observe Daylight Savings Time. Federal law does not currently allow any State to adopt Daylight Savings Time year-round.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1 would** create a State law to mandate Daylight Savings Time year-round, if Congress authorizes it.

**Section 2 would** direct the enactment of the new law once approved by Congress.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** Daylight Savings Time is the practice of advancing clocks by one hour during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time.

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