WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 5097

By Delegate E. Pritt and Crouse

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A BILL to amend and reenact §5-1-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating the use of daylight savings time in West Virginia; and establishing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. THE GOVERNOR.

**§5-1-25. Designation of daylight saving time as official time; designating Eastern Standard Time as official time beginning July 1, 2024.**

(a) Daylight saving time shall be the statewide official time, commencing at two o’clock antemeridian on the second Sunday of March and terminating at two o’clock antemeridian on the first Sunday of November; this time shall apply to all public schools, institutions of higher learning, agencies, departments and political subdivisions of the state.

(b) Beginning on and after July 1, 2024, Eastern Standard Time shall be the statewide official time, commencing at two o’clock antemeridian; this time shall apply to all public schools, institutions of higher learning, agencies, departments and political subdivisions of the state.

(c) Beginning on and after July 1, 2024, the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall no longer be in effect and any reference to daylight saving time in this code shall be construed to mean Eastern Standard Time.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the use of daylight saving time in West Virginia.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.