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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 106

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ROMANO, AND FACEMIRE, *original sponsors*

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Organization; reported on February 21, 2020]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §5-1-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to making daylight saving time the official time in West Virginia year round.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. THE GOVERNOR.

§5-1-25. Designation of daylight saving time as official time.

1 (a) Under federal law as it exists on the effective date of this section, states are not
2 permitted to observe daylight saving time year round. If the United States Congress amends 15
3 U.S.C §260a of the federal law to authorize states to observe daylight saving time year round, the
4 Legislature intends that the State of West Virginia make daylight saving time the permanent time
5 of the state.

6 (b) Daylight saving shall be the statewide official time, commencing at 2 o'clock
7 antemeridian on the second Sunday of March 2020- following the effective date of federal
8 authorization to observe daylight saving time year round: *Provided*, That if the effective date of
9 federal authorization to observe daylight saving time year round occurs on or after February 1 but
10 before the second Sunday in March, this bill will take effect on the second Sunday of March the
11 following year. This time shall apply to all public schools, institutions of higher learning, agencies,
12 departments, and political subdivisions of the state.

13 (c) The Secretary of State shall monitor the enactment of any federal law that permits the
14 year round observation of daylight saving time. If the law is enacted, the secretary shall send
15 written notice of the effective date to the Governor, who will announce the enacted law to all
16 affected parties.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make daylight saving time in West Virginia the official time for the entire year.

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