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Senate Bill 528

By Senators Rose, Hart, Helton, M. Maynard, and

Rucker

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

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

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 Daylight saving time shall be the statewide official time, commencing at two o'clock
 2 antemeridian on the second Sunday of March and terminating at two o'clock antemeridian on the
 3 first Sunday of November; ~~this time shall apply to all public schools, institutions of higher learning,~~
 4 ~~agencies, departments and political subdivisions of the state~~ and shall be in conformity with the
 5 acts of the Congress of the United States relating to daylight saving time.

1 The advanced time, as defined by the acts of the Congress of the United States relating to
 2 daylight saving time and commonly referred to as eastern daylight time, shall be the year-round
 3 official time of the State of West Virginia. This time shall apply to all public offices, schools,
 4 businesses, and other entities within the state. This section shall become effective only upon the
 5 enactment of federal legislation permitting states to observe daylight saving time on a permanent,
 6 year-round basis.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to designate daylight saving time is the official time of the state if Congress enacts legislation to recognize daylight saving time year round.

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