

HB 1758 -- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SPONSOR: Gragg

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 10 to 2 with 2 members voting present. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 6 to 5.

This bill establishes the "Daylight Saving as New Standard Time Pact", consisting of this state and any other state desiring to permanently change daylight saving time to new standard time.

On the effective date of the bill, the time formerly known as daylight saving time will become standard time. After this time, Missouri will no longer observe daylight saving time.

This bill is similar to HB 1179 (2025); HB 1797 (2024); and HB 1471 (2024).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that with this change, public safety will improve greatly, as studies show that more daylight corresponds to less crime. Supporters further state that this bill will encourage more people to go outdoors, which leads to more economic activity and more tax revenue. More sunlight also leads to healthier bodies and minds.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Gragg; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that with less sunlight in the morning hours, an increase in traffic accidents will occur. Opponents further state that most Americans want Permanent Standard Time instead of Daylight Saving.

Testifying in person against the bill was Jay Pea, Save Standard Time.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.