

# SENATE BILL 517

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By: **Senators Ready, Gallion, Lam, Rosapepe, and Salling**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Provisions – Standard Time – Year–Round Daylight Saving Time**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time  
4 year–round; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating  
5 to the State standard time.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – General Provisions  
8 Section 1–301  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2019 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – General Provisions**

14 1–301.

15 (a) The standard time in the State shall be [that of the 75th meridian of longitude  
16 west from Greenwich] **EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME YEAR–ROUND.**

17 (b) The standard time described under subsection (a) of this section shall regulate  
18 all courts, banking institutions, public offices, and legal or official proceedings.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20 (a) Section 1 of this Act is contingent on 15 U.S.C. § 260a being amended to allow  
21 the states or a state, individually, to observe a year–round standard time that is consistent  
22 with Eastern Daylight Time.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)   (1)   The Secretary of State shall monitor action by the federal government  
2 to determine whether the change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a described under subsection (a) of this  
3 section is made.

4           (2)   If the Secretary of State determines that the change to 15 U.S.C. § 260a  
5 described under subsection (a) of this section has been made, the Secretary of State shall  
6 notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the determination is  
7 made.

8           (c)   If the Department of Legislative Services receives notice of the change to 15  
9 U.S.C. § 260a on or before December 31, 2025, Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the  
10 second Sunday of March or the first Sunday in November after the change to 15 U.S.C. §  
11 260a becomes effective, whichever occurs first.

12          (d)   If the Department of Legislative Services does not receive notice of the change  
13 to 15 U.S.C. § 260a on or before December 31, 2025, Section 1 of this Act, with no further  
14 action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

15          SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this  
16 Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.