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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1104

5 By: Representatives S. Richardson, Long
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENTLY;
9 CONCERNING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; TO AMEND THE DUTIES
10 OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 PERMANENTLY; CONCERNING DAYLIGHT SAVING
14 TIME; AND TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE
15 SECRETARY OF STATE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 1-1-104. Daylight Saving Time – Intent to adopt permanently when
25 permitted by federal law.

26 (a) The General Assembly intends to adopt Daylight Saving Time as the
27 permanent standard time of the State of Arkansas when the United States
28 Government allows states to observe Daylight Saving Time permanently under 15
29 U.S.C. § 260a.

30 (b)(1) The Secretary of State shall continually monitor action by the
31 United States Government and shall determine whether 15 U.S.C. § 260a has
32 been amended to allow states to observe Daylight Saving Time permanently.

33 (2) If the Secretary of State determines that 15 U.S.C. § 260a
34 has been amended to allow states to observe Daylight Saving Time permanently:

35 (A) The Secretary of State shall inform the Governor, the
36 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the



1 Senate, and the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research within five
2 (5) business days of making the determinations required under subdivision
3 (b)(1) of this section; and

4 (B)(i) The state shall observe Daylight Saving Time
5 permanently as the standard time in the State of Arkansas.

6 (ii) If the determinations required under
7 subdivision (b)(1) of this section are made on or after the second Sunday in
8 March and before the first Sunday in November, the standard time of the state
9 shall not change in November, and Daylight Saving Time shall be adopted
10 permanently in the state.

11 (iii) If the determinations required under
12 subdivision (b)(1) of this section are made on or after the first Sunday in
13 November and before the second Sunday in March, at 2:00 a.m. on the second
14 Sunday of March following the determinations required under subdivision
15 (b)(1) of this section, the standard time of the State of Arkansas shall be
16 advanced one (1) hour and remain there permanently.

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