

Department of Legislative Services  
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

Senate Bill 268 (Senator Ready)  
Education, Energy, and the Environment

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General Provisions - Full-Year Daylight Savings Time

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This bill requires the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year round, which would establish year-round daylight saving time (DST) in the State. This change is contingent on the appropriate federal law being amended to allow a state, individually, to observe a year-round standard time that is consistent with Eastern Daylight Time. The Secretary of State must monitor any related changes to federal law and report notice of any change to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). If DLS receives notice of the change by December 31, 2028, the bill's change takes effect the second Sunday in March or the first Sunday in November after the federal change takes effect, whichever occurs first. If DLS does not receive notice of any change by December 31, 2028, the bill terminates. **The bill's monitoring and notice requirements take effect July 1, 2023.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The Secretary of State can monitor action by the federal government and, if necessary, report to DLS within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Under the federal Uniform Time Act, a state may exempt itself from observing DST by state law. If a state chooses to observe DST, it must begin and end on federally mandated dates. The law does not allow a state to observe DST year round.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 534 and HB 126 of 2022; SB 840 and HB 1013 of 2021; and SB 517 and HB 1610 of 2020.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Secretary of State; Department of Legislative Services

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