2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVES STOKES AND WRIGHT

TIME/DAYLIGHT SAVING: Creates the daylight saving time task force to study daylight saving time versus standard time

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To create the Daylight Saving Time Task Force to study and make recommendations		
3	relative to the observance of daylight saving time and to submit a written report o		
4	findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Commerce and the		
5	Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs by		
6	not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the		
7	Legislature of Louisiana.		
8	WHEREAS, the Uniform Time Act was enacted by the United States federal		
9	government April 13, 1966, to promote the adoption and observance of uniform time within		
10	the standard time zones; and		
11	WHEREAS, in compliance with the law, Louisiana has observed daylight saving		
12	time since April 30, 1967; and		
13	WHEREAS, that compliance requires all Louisiana residents to change their clocks		
14	by one hour two times a year; and		
15	WHEREAS, there is evidence to suggest that the changes in time cause adverse		
16	health effects; and		
17	WHEREAS, there is evidence to suggest that the changes in time negatively affect		
18	productivity at work and school; and		
19	WHEREAS, there is evidence to suggest that changes in time diminish motor skills		
20	and lead to an increase in injuries at home and in the work place; and		

1	WHEREAS, research has shown a spike in car accidents following a daylight saving			
2	time change; and			
3	WHEREAS, farmers report difficulties effectively producing animal products, as			
4	result of the animals' inability to adjust to the abrupt changes in time; and			
5	WHEREAS, the observation of daylight saving time has been linked to variou			
6	economic factors; and			
7	WHEREAS, the effect of daylight saving time on energy consumption is highly			
8	disputed; and			
9	WHEREAS, an exemption exists in the law allowing a state to opt out of observing			
10	daylight saving time through passing state legislation; and			
11	WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to allow for study of various factors			
12	to assess the potential effects of implementing a change to Louisiana's current observance			
13	of daylight saving time.			
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby			
15	create the Daylight Saving Time Task Force to study and make recommendations relative			
16	to observance of daylight saving time.			
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the			
18	following members:			
19	(1) The lieutenant governor or his designee.			
20	(2) The state superintendent of education or his designee.			
21	(3) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his			
22	designee.			
23	(4) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee.			
24	(5) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.			
25	(6) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development			
26	or his designee.			
27	(7) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries			
28	or his designee.			
29	(8) The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission			
30	or his designee.			

1	(9)	The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or	
2		his designee.	
3	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the members shall serve without compensation	
4	and shall elect a chairman from their membership.		
5	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that any member selecting a designee shall select a	
6	representative	e from his respective office, board, system, agency, or association, as	
7	applicable.		
8	BE II	FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider the effect of	
9	daylight saving time on the following factors in making its recommendations:		
10	(1)	Energy and electricity usage.	
11	(2)	Farming and livestock.	
12	(3)	Physical and mental health.	
13	(4)	Recreation.	
14	(5)	Student performance.	
15	(6)	Tourism.	
16	(7)	Traffic accidents.	
17	(8)	Workplace performance.	
18	(9)	All other factors the task force deems important.	
19	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of	
20	findings and	recommendations to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate	
21	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs by not later than		
22	sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature.		
23	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted	
24	to the lieutenant governor, the state superintendent of education, the commissioner of the		
25	Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development,		
26	the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the Department of		
27	Transportation and Development, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and		
28	Fisheries, and the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.		

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Creates the Daylight Saving Time Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to the observance of daylight saving time in La. and to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House committee on commerce and Senate committee on commerce, consumer protection, and international affairs by not later than 60 days prior to convening of the 2019 R.S. Provides for the following nine members who shall serve without compensation:

- (1) The lieutenant governor or his designee.
- (2) The state superintendent of Education or his designee.
- (3) The commissioner of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Louisiana Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development or his designee.
- (7) The secretary of the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.
- (9) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his designee.

Provides that designees shall be from the entity the member represents and that members shall select a chairman from the membership.