

DC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO FORMULATE SHORT TITLE, SUMMARY STATEMENT, AND LEGISLATIVE FORM FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 84

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16(c)-(d), the Board of Elections hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt the ballot language (short title, summary statement, and legislative form) for Initiative Measure No. 84. The proposed language prepared by the Board, which is included in this notice, will be provided for adoption at a regular Board meeting that will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750, Washington DC 20003. The Board will meet remotely. The adopted short title shall not exceed 15 words, and the adopted summary statement shall not exceed 100 words.

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The Board proposes the following short title, summary statement, and legislative form for Initiative Measure No. 84:

INITIATIVE MEASURE

NO. 84

SHORT TITLE

“Time Stability Act of 2025.”

SUMMARY STATEMENT

If enacted, this Initiative would exempt the District from observing daylight saving time (DST) in accordance with the federal Uniform Time Act, and establish permanent standard time (which would be equivalent to eastern standard time (EST)) year-round beginning Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 2:00 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE TEXT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Time Stability Act of 2025.”

Sec. 2. Subchapter II of Chapter 27 of Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Section 28-2711 is repealed.

(b) A new section 28-2712 is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 28-2712. Time stability.

“(a) The purpose of this section is to exempt the District from observing daylight saving time and establish permanent standard time year-round.

“(b) The intent of this section is to improve safety, health, and quality of life for District residents by eliminating biannual time changes and providing a stable time zone.

“(c) The District shall opt out of observing daylight saving time as permitted by section 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, approved April 13, 1966 (80 Stat. 107; 15 U.S.C. § 260a(a)), and shall establish permanent standard time, equivalent to eastern standard time, year-round, in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

“(d) The District government shall implement permanent standard time on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m., thereby opting out of future daylight saving time changes.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 16(r)(1) of the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, effective June 7, 1979 (D.C. Law 3-1; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16(r)(1)).

The Short Title, Summary Statement, and Legislative Text of the proposed initiative, as submitted to the Board by the proposer of the measure, read as follows:

SHORT TITLE

“The District of Columbia Time Stability Act”

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The District of Columbia shall opt out of observing Daylight Saving Time (DST) as permitted by the Uniform Time Act, and shall establish Permanent Standard Time, equivalent to Eastern Standard Time (EST), year-round.

LEGISLATIVE TEXT

The District of Columbia Time Stability Act

Section 1. Title and Purpose

This initiative shall be known as the District of Columbia Time Stability Act. Its purpose is to exempt Washington D.C. from observing Daylight Saving Time (DST) and establish Permanent Standard Time year-round.

Section 2. Summary; Exemption from Daylight Saving Time

The District of Columbia shall opt out of observing Daylight Saving Time (DST) as permitted by the Uniform Time Act, and shall establish Permanent Standard Time, equivalent to Eastern Standard Time (EST), year-round.

Section 3. Implementation

The District of Columbia government shall implement Permanent Standard Time on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m., when the rest of the country sets clocks back to Standard Time, thereby opting out of future Daylight Saving Time changes.

Section 4. Effective Date

This initiative shall take effect upon approval by a majority of D.C. voters and completion of any necessary legislative procedures, including potential Congressional review.

Section 5. Intent

This initiative intends to improve safety, health, and quality of life for DC residents by eliminating bi-annual time changes and providing a stable time zone.