**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY AND THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA EXEMPTING ITSELF FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW.

Whereas, under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. Section 260a(a), beginning at 2:00 A.M. on the second Sunday in March of each year and ending at 2:00 A.M. on the first Sunday of November of each year, the standard time of each time zone in the United States, with certain exceptions, is advanced by one hour, this advancement being commonly referred to as Daylight Saving Time; and

Whereas, these provisions of federal law also permit a state to exempt itself from the provisions of Daylight Saving Time under certain requirements and procedures; and

Whereas, Daylight Saving Time has both advantages and disadvantages, including advantages such as longer daylight hours for work‑related, recreational and leisure activities, and disadvantages such as school safety concerns for children going to school during periods of darkness and other problems for those engaged in farm‑related activities; and

Whereas, it would be in the best interest of the citizens of this State for the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation to examine all issues surrounding Daylight Saving Time, both pro and con, with particular emphasis on the feasibility and the economic and other consequences of the State of South Carolina exempting itself from the provisions of Daylight Saving Time so that an informed recommendation and potential legislation can be developed for the benefit of all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, in the study provided for in this resolution, the committee is further requested to contact other states and particularly to those in the Southeastern region to determine what those state’s views on this important subject are, particularly with regard to commerce among states and any unintended consequences which might occur. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate request the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation to conduct a study concerning the feasibility and the economic and other consequences of the State of South Carolina exempting itself from the provisions of Daylight Saving Time as permitted by federal law.

Be it further resolved that the committee is requested to render a full report to the Senate, the General Assembly, the Governor, and the general public, together with its recommendations, by July 1, 2018.

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