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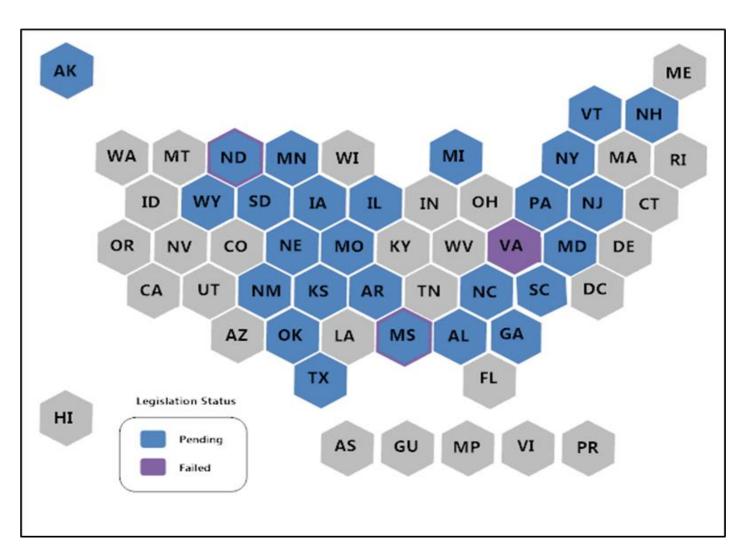


DST TRENDS: 2015-2021

- State legislatures have been active in legislation over the last several years that would either place the state on standard time permanently or make permanent daylight saving time.
- Since 2015, at least 350 bills and resolutions have been introduced in virtually every state, but none
 of significance passed until 2018, when Florida became the first state to enact legislation to
 permanently observe DST, pending amendment of federal law to permit such action.
- In the last three years, 15 states have enacted legislation or passed a resolution to provide for year-round daylight saving time, if Congress were to allow such a change, and in some cases if surrounding states enact the same legislation. Full-time DST is not currently allowed by federal law and would require an act of Congress to make a change. The 15 states are:
- In 2020: Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Ohio (resolution), South Carolina, Utah and Wyoming.
- In 2019: Arkansas, Delaware, Maine, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington.
- In 2018: Florida and California (California voters authorized such a change in 2018, but legislative action is still pending.)



State Legislation—Daylight Saving Time 2021 Laws, Bills and Resolutions



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So far in 2021, at least 27 states have introduced 50 pieces of legislation addressing Daylight Saving Time (DST). 80% of the bills would provide for adoption of DST year-round, pending congressional authorization. The failed bill in Virginia would have authorized a study on the consequences of year-round observance of both DST and standard time.

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