

DC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RECEIPT AND INTENT TO REVIEW INITIATIVE MEASURE

The Board of Elections shall consider in a public hearing whether the proposed measure, “The District of Columbia Time Stability Act,” is a proper subject matter for initiative at the Board’s regular meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., at 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750, Washington DC 20003. The Board will meet remotely. Members of the public can only access the meeting by using the following information:

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In making a proper subject matter determination, the Board does not consider the merits of a proposed measure. Instead, it may consider only whether the proposed measure meets the subject matter requirements set forth in District of Columbia law. Specifically, the Board must reject the proposed measure if it determines that:

- The measure conflicts with or seeks to amend the Title IV of the DC Home Rule Act (“the District Charter”);

- The measure conflicts with the U.S. Constitution;
- The measure has not been properly filed;
- The verified statement of contributions (the measure committee's statement of organization and report of receipts and expenditures) was not timely filed;
- The measure would authorize discrimination in violation of the DC Human Rights Act;
- The measure would negate or limit a budgetary act of the DC Council; or
- The measure would appropriate funds

Those who wish to testify at the hearing on the propriety of the proposed measure in light of the above-referenced criteria should contact the Board's Office of the General Counsel at 202-727-2194 or ogc@dcboe.org and provide their name, address, telephone number, and name of the organization represented (if any) by no later than Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Any written testimony or memoranda should be submitted for the record to the Board's Office of the General Counsel, 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20003 or at ogc@dcboe.org by that date and time as well. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three minutes for oral presentations. Representatives of organizations shall be permitted a maximum of five minutes for oral presentations.

The Short Title, Summary Statement, and Legislative Text of the proposed initiative, as submitted to the Board by the proposer(s) 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.