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To amend title 3, United States Code, and the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to establish a single poll closing time in the continental United States for Presidential general elections, set Presidential general elections on the first Saturday in November, and extend daylight saving time to the first Sunday in November.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 1993

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Presidential Elec-
5 tion Day Reform Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. SINGLE POLL CLOSING TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL**
2 **GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE CONTINENTAL**
3 **UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) Each polling place in the continental United
5 States shall close, with respect to a Presidential general
6 election, at 9:00 o'clock post meridiem, eastern daylight
7 time. Any person who, as determined under the law of the
8 State involved, arrives at a polling place after that time
9 shall not be permitted to vote in the Presidential general
10 election.

11 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a polling place
12 shall close, with respect to a Presidential general election,
13 as provided by the law of the State involved, in the case
14 of a polling place at which each person who is eligible to
15 vote has voted.

16 (c) As used in this section:

17 (1) The term "continental United States"
18 means the States of the United States other than
19 Alaska and Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

20 (2) The term "presidential general election"
21 means the election for electors of President and Vice
22 President.

23 (3) The term "State" means a State of the
24 United States and the District of Columbia.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENDED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.**

2 Section 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15
3 U.S.C. 260a(a)) is amended by striking out “last Sunday
4 of October” and inserting in lieu thereof “first Sunday
5 of November”.

6 **SEC. 4. PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION ON SATURDAY.**

7 Section 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amended
8 by striking out “on the Tuesday next after the first Mon-
9 day” and inserting in lieu thereof “on the first Saturday”.

10 **SEC. 5. ADJUSTMENT OF OPERATING HOURS OF DAYTIME**
11 **BROADCASTERS.**

12 (a) Notwithstanding any other law or any regulation
13 issued under any such law, the Federal Communications
14 Commission shall, consistent with any existing treaty or
15 other agreement, make such adjustment by general rules,
16 or by interim action pending such general rules, with re-
17 spect to hours of operation of daytime standard amplitude
18 modulation broadcast stations, as may be consistent with
19 the public interest, including the public’s interest in receiv-
20 ing interference-free service.

21 (b) Such general rules, or interim action, may include
22 variances with respect to operating power and other tech-
23 nical operating characteristics.

24 (c) Subsequent to the adoption of such general rules,
25 they may be varied with respect to particular stations and
26 areas because of the exigencies in each case.

1 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act shall take effect 60 days after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, except that if such effective
4 date occurs in any calendar year after March 1, this Act
5 shall take effect on the first day of the following year.

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