

British Standard Time Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 45

An Act to establish the time for general purposes at one hour in advance of Greenwich mean time throughout the year. [26th July 1968]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

British standard time.

1.—(1) The time for general purposes in the United Kingdom (to be known as British standard time) shall be one hour in advance of Greenwich mean time throughout the year; and any reference to a specified point of time in any enactment or any legal document (whether passed or made before or after the passing of this Act) shall be construed accordingly unless it is otherwise expressly provided.

(2) Nothing in this section affects the use of Greenwich mean time for purposes of astronomy, meteorology, navigation or other purposes for which that time is adopted by international usage, or the construction of any document referring to a point of time in connection with any of those purposes.

Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) In this Act " enactment " includes an enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

1920 c. 67.

(2) For the purposes of section 6 of the Government of Ireland Act 1920 (powers of the Parliament of Northern Ireland to make laws) this Act shall be deemed to have been passed before the day appointed for the purposes of that section.

Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

3. Unless other provision is made by a law of the States of Jersey or of Guernsey or by an Act of Tynwald, as the case may be, section 1 of this Act shall have effect in and in relation to the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man as it has effect in and in relation to the United Kingdom.

Commencement and duration.

4.—(1) This Act shall come into force on 27th October 1968.

(2) Sections 1 to 3 of this Act shall expire at two o'clock, Greenwich mean time, in the morning of 31st October 1971 unless made permanent under subsection (3) below; and the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect in the event of the expiration of those sections.

(3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that the said sections 1 to 3 shall have permanent effect; and any such Order may repeal subsection (2) above and the said Schedule 1.

(4) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty in Council to make an Order under subsection (3) above unless a draft thereof has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament passed before the end of the year 1970.

Short title and repeals.

5.—(1) This Act may be cited as the British Standard Time Act 1968.

(2) The enactments described in Schedule 2 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

SCHEDULES

Section 4.

SCHEDULE 1

PROVISIONS CONTINGENT ON EXPIRATION OF SECTIONS 1 TO 3

1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, section 38(2) of the
1889 c. 63. Interpretation Act 1889 (effect of repeals) shall apply, in the event of the expiration of sections 1 to 3 of this Act, as if those sections had been repealed by another Act.

2. In the event of the expiration of the said sections 1 to 3, the enactments repealed by this Act shall, subject to paragraph 3 below, thereupon revive; but if other provision is made by a law of the States of Jersey or of Guernsey or by an Act of Tynwald, the Summer Time Acts 1922 to 1947 as revived by this paragraph shall not apply to the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man, as the case may be.

1925 c. 64. 3. Section 1(2) of the Summer Time Act 1925 (which altered the period of summer time) shall not revive by virtue of paragraph 2 above in any event; and if the other provisions of the Summer Time Acts 1922 to 1947 so revive, they shall have effect subject to the modi-
1922 c. 22. fication that in section 3(1) of the Summer Time Act 1922 (which defines the period of summer time)—

(*a*) for the word "April", in both places where it occurs, there shall be substituted the word "March"; and

(*b*) for the words from "following" (where that word last occurs) onwards there shall be substituted the words "following the fourth Saturday in October".

Section 5.

SCHEDULE 2

ENACTMENTS REPEALED

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
43 & 44 Vict. c. 9.	The Statutes (Definition of Time) Act 1880.	The whole Act.
6 & 7 Geo. 5. c. 45.	The Time (Ireland) Act 1916.	The whole Act.
12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 22.	The Summer Time Act 1922.	The whole Act.
14 & 15 Geo. 5. c. 24 (N.I.).	The Time Act (Northern Ireland) 1924.	The whole Act.
15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 64.	The Summer Time Act 1925.	The whole Act.
10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 16.	The Summer Time Act 1947.	The whole Act.
1954 c. 33 (N.I.).	The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.	Section 39 (1).