

SENATE FILE NO. SF0125

Permanent mountain daylight saving time.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Von Flatern and Representative(s)
Laursen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to daylight saving time; requiring an
2 application for the state to transfer time zones;
3 establishing a new uniform state time; making legislative
4 findings; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) The legislature finds that:

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12 (i) The federal Standard Time Act of 1918, 65
13 P.L. 106, established standard time zones for the United
14 States bounded by designated meridian lines, including the
15 zone designated as United States standard mountain time in

1 which the state of Wyoming is placed, and the standard time
2 zone designations have since become geographic names of
3 regional identity;

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5 (ii) Congress enacted the federal Uniform Time
6 Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. § 260 et seq., to "promote the
7 adoption and observance of uniform time within the standard
8 time zones" of the United States. It established an annual
9 advancement from standard time in March of each year,
10 commonly called "daylight saving time" and annual return to
11 standard time approximately eight (8) months later;

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13 (iii) The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966
14 authorizes a state that is entirely situated within one (1)
15 time zone, as is the state of Wyoming, to exempt itself
16 from the change to daylight saving time as long as it does
17 so uniformly as an entire state;

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19 (iv) The residents and businesses of the state
20 of Wyoming have become more habituated to the eight (8)
21 months of daylight saving time per year than the four (4)
22 months of standard time per year; and

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1 (v) The biannual change of time between mountain
2 standard time and mountain daylight saving time is
3 disruptive to commerce and to the daily schedules of the
4 residents of the state of Wyoming.

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6 **Section 2.**

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8 (a) Before January 1, 2018, the governor shall apply
9 to the United States secretary of transportation for the
10 state of Wyoming to be transferred to the zone designated
11 as United States standard central time by the federal
12 Standard Time Act of 1918.

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14 (b) Upon approval of a transfer to the zone
15 designated as United States standard central time by the
16 United States secretary of transportation, the state of
17 Wyoming shall exempt itself from the change to daylight
18 saving time, and the uniform time within the state of
19 Wyoming shall be coordinated universal time delayed by six
20 (6) hours throughout the year.

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22 (c) The uniform time within the state of Wyoming
23 shall be known as mountain daylight saving time.

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2 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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