

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0045

Mountain daylight time.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Laursen, Allen, Clem,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to legal time; requiring submittal of an
2 application for the state to transfer time zones as
3 specified; establishing a new uniform state time; making
4 legislative 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, P.L.
13 65-106, 40 Stat. 450, established standard time zones for
14 the United States bounded by designated meridian lines,
15 including the zone designated as United States standard

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

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5 (ii) The federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15
6 U.S.C. 260 et seq., was enacted by Congress 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
11 to 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 the state of Wyoming is, 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 time is disruptive to
3 commerce and to the daily schedules of the residents of the
4 state of Wyoming.

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6 **Section 2.**

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8 (a) Prior to January 1, 2019, the governor shall
9 apply to the United States secretary of transportation for
10 the state of Wyoming to be transferred to the zone
11 designated as United States standard central time by the
12 federal 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 uniform time
17 within the state of Wyoming shall be coordinated universal
18 time offset by six (6) hours throughout the year.

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

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

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