

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0049

Mountain daylight saving time.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Laursen, Lindholm, McKim
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A BILL

for

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

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

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

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

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7 **Section 2.**

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

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15 (b) Upon approval of a transfer to the zone
16 designated as United States standard central time by the
17 United States secretary of transportation, the uniform time
18 within the state of Wyoming shall be coordinated universal
19 time offset by six (6) hours throughout the year.

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21 (c) The uniform time within the state of Wyoming
22 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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