

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0044

Mountain daylight time preservation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Laursen, Barlow, Blackburn,
Lindholm, Olsen, Sommers and Yin and
Senator(s) Case, Driskill and Gierau

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to legal time; requiring an application for
2 the state to transfer time zones as specified; establishing
3 a new uniform state time; specifying contingencies; 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, P.L.
6 89-387, 80 Stat. 107, 15 U.S.C. 260 et seq., was enacted by
7 Congress to promote the adoption and observance of uniform
8 time within the standard time zones of the United States.
9 It standardized an annual one (1) hour advancement from
10 standard time in April of each year, commonly called
11 "daylight saving time," and an annual return to standard
12 time approximately six (6) months later. A 2005 amendment
13 to the Federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, P.L. 109-58, 119
14 Stat. 594, adjusted the daylight saving advancement date to
15 mid-March and the return date to early November;

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

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

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6 (v) The biannual change of time between mountain
7 standard time and mountain daylight time is disruptive to
8 commerce and to the daily schedules of the residents of the
9 state of Wyoming.

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11 **Section 2.**

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13 (a) Upon the enactment of a law similar to this act
14 that authorizes an application for the same time zone
15 change in Montana, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, the governor
16 shall apply to the United States secretary of
17 transportation for the state of Wyoming to be transferred
18 to the zone designated as United States standard central
19 time by the federal Standard Time Act of 1918.

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21 (b) Upon approval of a transfer to the zone
22 designated as United States standard central time by the
23 United States secretary of transportation, the uniform time

1 within the state of Wyoming shall be coordinated universal
2 time offset by six (6) hours throughout the year. The
3 state of Wyoming shall then exempt itself from the
4 provisions of federal law providing for the advancement of
5 time.

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7 (c) Upon approval of a transfer to the zone
8 designated as United States standard central time by the
9 United States secretary of transportation, the uniform time
10 within the state of Wyoming shall be known as mountain
11 daylight saving time unless the other states applying for a
12 time zone change uniformly select another name for the
13 uniform time.

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

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