
SENATE BILL NO. 153—SENATORS HARDY AND GOICOECHEA

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the observance of time by the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions. (BDR 19-24)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to time; revising provisions governing the observance of time by the State of Nevada and its political subdivisions under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to transmit, under certain circumstances, certain information to the President of the United States and certain members of the United States Congress relating to the observance of time by the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing federal law, it is the policy of the United States to promote the
2 adoption and observance of uniform time within prescribed standard time zones.
3 (15 U.S.C. §§ 260 et seq.) Existing federal law also requires the annual
4 advancement of the standard time for each zone by 1 hour commencing at 2 a.m. on
5 the second Sunday of March and ending at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November,
6 commonly referred to as daylight saving time. Under existing federal law, a state
7 may by state law exempt itself and its political subdivisions from the provisions
8 requiring the advancement of time and observe the prescribed standard time for the
9 zone for the entire calendar year. However, a state is preempted from observing
10 daylight saving time as the standard time for the entire calendar year. (15 U.S.C. §
11 260a) **Section 2** of this bill requires, to the extent not inconsistent with federal law
12 or if otherwise authorized by federal law, the State of Nevada and all political
13 subdivisions thereof to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the
14 entire calendar year. Furthermore, **section 5** of this bill provides that this
15 requirement will become effective if and only if the State of California enacts
16 legislation to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the entire



17 calendar year and such legislation is not inconsistent with or is otherwise
18 authorized by federal law. **Section 3** of this bill exempts the State of Nevada from
19 the provisions of federal law providing for the advancement of time between March
20 and November of each year and instead requires that during this period the State
21 and its political subdivisions observe Pacific standard time, thereby making Pacific
22 standard time the standard time for the entire calendar year. Furthermore, **section 5**
23 provides that this requirement will become effective if and only if the State of
24 California enacts legislation to exempt that state from the requirement of advancing
25 the time between March and November.

26 If the Congress of the United States is considering legislation authorizing the
27 State of California to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the
28 entire calendar year or if the State of California has sent a public request for such
29 authorization to Congress, **section 4** of this bill requires the Governor of the State
30 of Nevada to send a letter to the President of the United States, the Vice President
31 of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
32 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the
33 Nevada Congressional Delegation requesting that Congress authorize the State of
34 Nevada to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the entire calendar
35 year if the State of California is granted such approval. If Congress enacts
36 legislation authorizing the State of California to observe Pacific daylight time as the
37 standard time for the entire calendar year and the State of Nevada is not included in
38 the legislation, **section 4** requires the Governor of the State of Nevada to send a
39 letter to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States
40 as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
41 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional
42 Delegation requesting that Congress also enact legislation authorizing the State of
43 Nevada to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the entire calendar
44 year.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 234 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *To the extent not inconsistent with federal law or if*
4 *otherwise authorized by federal law, the State of Nevada and all*
5 *political subdivisions thereof shall observe Pacific daylight time as*
6 *the standard time for the entire calendar year.*

7 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The State of Nevada hereby exempts itself from*
8 *the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 260a requiring the advancement of*
9 *time during the period commencing at 2 a.m. on the second*
10 *Sunday of March of each year and ending at 2 a.m. on the first*
11 *Sunday of November of each year, commonly known as daylight*
12 *saving time.*

13 **2.** *During the period described in subsection 1, the State of*
14 *Nevada and all political subdivisions thereof shall observe Pacific*
15 *Standard time, the standard time applicable for the time zone in*
16 *which the State is situated in accordance with the provisions of 15*
17 *U.S.C. §§ 260 et seq.*



1 **Sec. 4.** 1. If the Congress of the United States is considering
2 legislation authorizing the State of California to observe Pacific
3 daylight time as the standard time for the entire calendar year or if
4 the State of California has sent a public request for such
5 authorization to Congress, the Governor of the State of Nevada shall
6 send a letter to the President of the United States, the Vice President
7 of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States
8 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
9 and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation
10 requesting that Congress authorize the State of Nevada to observe
11 Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the entire calendar
12 year if the State of California is granted such approval.

13 2. If the Congress of the United States enacts legislation
14 authorizing the State of California to observe Pacific daylight time
15 as the standard time for the entire calendar year and the State of
16 Nevada is not included in the legislation, the Governor of the State
17 of Nevada shall send a letter to the President of the United States,
18 the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the
19 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
20 Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional
21 Delegation requesting that Congress also enact legislation
22 authorizing the State of Nevada to observe Pacific daylight time as
23 the standard time for the entire calendar year.

24 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and section 4 of this act become
25 effective upon passage and approval.

26 2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective:

27 (a) If and only if the State of California enacts legislation that
28 provides for the observance of Pacific daylight time for the entire
29 calendar year and such legislation is not inconsistent with federal
30 law or is otherwise authorized by federal law; and

31 (b) On the effective date of such legislation.

32 3. Section 3 of this act becomes effective:

33 (a) If and only if the State of California enacts legislation that
34 exempts that state from the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 260a requiring
35 the advancement of time during the period commencing at 2 a.m. on
36 the second Sunday of March and ending at 2 a.m. on the first
37 Sunday of November; and

38 (b) On the effective date of such legislation.



