
SENATE BILL 5329

State of Washington

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By Senators Honeyford, Becker, Bailey, Angel, Rivers, Warnick, and Rossi

1 AN ACT Relating to exempting the state of Washington from
2 daylight saving time and implementing year-round Pacific Standard
3 Time; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; creating a new
4 section; and repealing RCW 1.20.051.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state of
7 Washington would benefit from the consistency and predictability of
8 observing Pacific Standard Time throughout the calendar year.
9 Research has shown that changing to and from daylight saving time
10 twice per year has negative impacts on public health, increases
11 traffic accidents and crime, disrupts agriculture scheduling, and
12 hinders economic growth. Scientific studies have connected a number
13 of health consequences with the act of switching between standard
14 time and daylight saving time, including greater risks of heart
15 attacks, more frequent workplace injuries, and increased suicide
16 rates in the days immediately after the switch. Therefore, the
17 legislature intends to exercise the rights granted under the uniform
18 time act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260a(a), and exempt the state of Washington
19 from daylight saving time.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The time of the state of Washington shall be Pacific Standard
4 Time throughout the calendar year, as determined by reference to
5 Coordinated Universal Time.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 1.20.051 (Daylight saving time) and
7 1963 c 14 s 1 & 1961 c 3 s 1 are each repealed.

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