

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0014

Mountain daylight time.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Laursen, Blackburn, Lindholm,
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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; making legislative findings; and
4 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 the
14 United States bounded by designated meridian lines, including
15 the zone designated as United States standard mountain time

1 in which the state of Wyoming is placed, and the standard
2 time 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 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, commonly
10 called "daylight saving time," and annual return to standard
11 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 from
16 the change to daylight saving time as long as it does so
17 uniformly as an entire state;

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19 (iv) The residents and businesses of the state of
20 Wyoming have become more habituated to the eight (8) months
21 of daylight saving time per year than the four (4) months of
22 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) Upon the enactment of a law similar to this act
9 that authorizes an application for the same time zone change
10 in at least three (3) states contiguous to Wyoming, the
11 governor shall apply to the United States secretary of
12 transportation for the state of Wyoming to be transferred to
13 the zone designated as United States standard central time by
14 the federal Standard Time Act of 1918.

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

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22 (c) Upon approval of a transfer to the zone designated
23 as United States standard central time by the United States

1 secretary of transportation, the uniform time within the
2 state of Wyoming shall be known as mountain daylight saving
3 time unless the contiguous states applying for a time zone
4 change uniformly select another name for the uniform time.

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

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