

SSB 5139 - S AMD 120
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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state of
4 Washington would benefit from the consistency and predictability of
5 observing a standard time throughout the calendar year. Research has
6 shown that changing to and from daylight saving time twice per year
7 has negative impacts on public health, increases traffic accidents
8 and crime, disrupts agriculture scheduling, and hinders economic
9 growth. Scientific studies have connected a number of health
10 consequences with the act of switching between standard time and
11 daylight saving time, including greater risks of heart attacks, more
12 frequent workplace injuries, and increased suicide rates in the days
13 immediately following the switch. In addition, there have been other
14 political subdivisions within the United States that are petitioning
15 congress for year-round daylight saving time or changed their time
16 zone over the years to create more consistency across the United
17 States for convenience of commerce. Therefore, the legislature
18 intends to observe daylight saving time year-round if authorized by
19 the United States congress; and also review the potential impact the
20 time zone has on communities along the border between Washington and
21 other states to determine whether the state should seek authorization
22 through the United States department of transportation to change
23 Washington state to mountain standard time year-round if year-round
24 daylight saving time is not authorized by congress.

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.20.051 and 2018 c 22 s 2 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 ~~((At two o'clock antemeridian Pacific Standard Time of the second~~
28 ~~Sunday in March each year the time of the state of Washington shall~~
29 ~~be advanced one hour, and at two o'clock antemeridian Pacific~~
30 ~~Standard Time of the first Sunday in November in each year the time~~
31 ~~of the state of Washington shall, by the retarding of one hour, be~~

1 ~~returned to Pacific Standard Time.)~~ (1) The standard time for the
2 state of Washington is the zone designated by the United States
3 department of transportation for the state of Washington under the
4 uniform time act, 15 U.S.C. Secs. 261 and 263, as determined by
5 reference to coordinated universal time.

6 (2) The standard time within the state shall advance by one hour
7 commencing at two o'clock antemeridian on the second Sunday in March
8 each year and ending at two o'clock antemeridian on the first Sunday
9 in November each year.

10 (3) If the United States congress amends 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260a to
11 authorize states to observe daylight saving time year-round, it is
12 the intent of the legislature that daylight saving time be the year-
13 round standard time of the entire state and all of its political
14 subdivisions.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35A.21.190 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.21.190 are
16 each amended to read as follows:

17 No code city shall adopt any provision for the observance of
18 daylight saving time other than as authorized by RCW ((1.20.050 and))
19 1.20.051.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) The standard time for the state is permanent daylight saving
23 time year-round.

24 (2) Permanent daylight saving time within the state is that of
25 the fifth zone designated by federal law as Pacific Standard Time, 15
26 U.S.C. Secs. 261 and 263, advanced by one hour.

27 **Sec. 5.** RCW 35A.21.190 and 2019 c . . . s 3 (section 3 of this
28 act) are each amended to read as follows:

29 No code city shall adopt any provision for the observance of
30 daylight saving time other than as authorized by ((RCW 1.20.051))
31 section 4 of this act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** RCW 1.20.051 (Daylight saving time) and
33 2019 c . . . s 2 (section 2 of this act), 2018 c 22 s 2, 1963 c 14 s
34 1, & 1961 c 3 s 1 (Initiative Measure No. 210, approved November 8,
35 1960) are each repealed.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 1.20.050 (Standard time—Daylight
2 saving time) and 1953 c 2 s 1 are each repealed.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) Sections 4 through 6 of this act take
4 effect on the second Sunday in March in the year following the
5 effective date of legislation passed by United States congress
6 amending 15 U.S.C. Secs. 260a to authorize states to observe daylight
7 saving time year-round.

8 (2) The department of commerce must provide notice of the
9 effective date of sections 4 through 6 of this act to affected
10 parties, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the
11 secretary of the senate, the office of the code reviser, and others
12 as deemed appropriate by the department.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The secretary of state shall submit this
14 act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection,
15 at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance
16 with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws
17 adopted to facilitate its operation."

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "state;" strike the
19 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 1.20.051, 35A.21.190,
20 and 35A.21.190; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; creating a
21 new section; repealing RCW 1.20.051 and 1.20.050; providing a
22 contingent effective date; and providing for submission of this act
23 to a vote of the people."

EFFECT: States the legislative intent to move to daylight saving
time year-round if authorized by Congress. Until any such change
Washington State would remain on the time designated by the United
States Department of Transportation under the Uniform Time Act,
currently Pacific Standard Time, and maintain the current daylight
saving time period.

Requires that the act be submitted to a vote of the people.

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