
HOUSE BILL 1196

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1 AN ACT Relating to observing daylight saving time year round;
2 amending RCW 35A.21.190; adding new sections to chapter 1.20 RCW;
3 repealing RCW 1.20.050, 1.20.051, and 1.20.---; providing a
4 contingent effective date; and providing for submission of this act
5 to a vote of the people.

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

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

9 Under federal law as it exists on the effective date of this
10 section, states are not permitted to observe daylight saving time
11 year round. If the United States congress amends federal law to
12 authorize states to observe daylight saving time year round, the
13 legislature intends that Washington state make daylight saving time
14 the permanent time of the state and all of its political
15 subdivisions.

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

18 The time of the state of Washington and all of its political
19 subdivisions is Pacific daylight time throughout the calendar year,
20 as determined by reference to coordinated universal time.

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

3 No code city shall adopt any provision for the observance of
4 daylight saving time other than as authorized by ((~~RCW 1.20.050 and~~
5 ~~1.20.051~~) section 2 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following acts or parts of acts are
7 each repealed:

8 (1) RCW 1.20.050 (Standard time—Daylight saving time) and 1953 c
9 2 s 1;

10 (2) RCW 1.20.051 (Daylight saving time) and 2018 c 22 s 2, 1963 c
11 14 s 1, & 1961 c 3 s 1; and

12 (3) RCW 1.20.--- and 2019 c . . . s 1 (section 1 of this act).

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Sections 2 through 4 of this act take
14 effect on the first Sunday in November following the effective date
15 of federal authorization to observe daylight saving time year round,
16 except:

17 (a) If the effective date of federal authorization to observe
18 daylight saving time year round occurs on or after October 1st but
19 before the first Sunday in November, sections 2 through 4 of this act
20 take effect on the first Sunday in November in the following year;
21 and

22 (b) If the effective date of federal authorization to observe
23 daylight saving time year round occurs before this act has been
24 adopted and ratified by the people under section 6 of this act,
25 sections 2 through 4 of this act take effect on the first Sunday in
26 November in the year after the people adopt and ratify this act.

27 (2) The governor shall provide written notice of the effective
28 date of sections 2 through 4 of this act to affected parties, the
29 chief clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the
30 senate, the office of the code reviser, and others as deemed
31 appropriate by the governor.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The secretary of state shall submit
33 this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or
34 rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in
35 accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and
36 the laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

1 (2) Pursuant to RCW 29A.72.050, the statement of subject and
2 concise description shall read: "The legislature has passed House
3 Bill No. . . . (this act) concerning year-round daylight saving time.
4 This bill would place Washington on daylight saving time throughout
5 the calendar year, if federal law changes to allow the state to do
6 so."

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