
SENATE BILL 5511

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1 AN ACT Relating to uniform standard time for the state of
2 Washington; amending RCW 1.20.050 and 35A.21.190; amending 2019 c 297
3 s 4 (uncodified); creating a new section; repealing RCW 1.20.051;
4 providing a contingent effective date; and providing a contingent
5 expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state of
8 Washington would benefit from the consistency and predictability of
9 observing a standard time throughout the calendar year. Research has
10 shown that changing to and from daylight saving time twice per year
11 has negative impacts on public health, increases traffic accidents
12 and crime, disrupts agriculture scheduling, and hinders economic
13 growth. Scientific studies have connected a number of health
14 consequences with the act of switching between standard time and
15 daylight saving time, including greater risks of heart attacks, more
16 frequent workplace injuries, and increased suicide rates in the days
17 immediately following the switch. In addition, there are other
18 political subdivisions within the United States that are petitioning
19 congress for year-round daylight saving time or have changed their
20 time zone over the years to create more consistency across the United
21 States for convenience of commerce. The legislature passed Substitute

1 House Bill No. 1196 in 2019 authorizing the state to observe daylight
2 saving time year-round if authorized by the United States congress.
3 However, congress has not amended federal law to authorize states to
4 observe daylight saving time year-round. Therefore, the legislature
5 intends to exercise the rights granted under the uniform time act, 15
6 U.S.C. Sec. 260a(a), and exempt the state of Washington from the
7 observance of daylight saving time and remain standard time year-
8 round until congress authorizes states to observe daylight saving
9 time year-round. The legislature also recognizes the potential impact
10 the time zone has on communities along the border between Washington
11 and other states and intends to allow the state to continue to review
12 whether Pacific Standard Time should remain the standard time for
13 Washington state or whether the state should seek authorization
14 through the United States department of transportation to change
15 Washington state to Mountain Standard Time year-round if year-round
16 daylight saving time is not authorized by congress.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.20.050 and 1953 c 2 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (1) The standard time for the state of Washington is the zone
20 designated by the United States department of transportation for the
21 state of Washington under the uniform time act, 15 U.S.C. Secs. 261
22 and 263, as determined by reference to coordinated universal time.

23 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary by
24 the United States government relating to adoption of daylight saving
25 time by all of the states, the state of Washington elects to reject
26 such time and elects to continue in force the terms of subsection (1)
27 of this section, relating to standard time in Washington.

28 (3) No county, city, or other political subdivision of this state
29 shall adopt any provision for the observance of daylight saving time,
30 or any time other than standard(~~, except pursuant to a gubernatorial~~
31 ~~proclamation declaring an emergency during a period of national war~~
32 ~~and authorizing such adoption, or)) unless ((~~other than standard~~))~~
33 another time is established on a national basis: PROVIDED, That this
34 section shall not apply to orders made by federal authorities in a
35 local area entirely under federal control.

36 (4) This section shall not be construed to affect the standard
37 time established by United States law governing the movements of
38 common carriers engaged in interstate commerce or the time for
39 performance of an act by an officer or department of the United

1 States, as established by a statute, lawful order, rule, or
2 regulation of the United States or an agency thereof.

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

5 No code city shall adopt any provision for the observance of
6 daylight saving time other than as authorized by RCW 1.20.050 (~~and~~
7 ~~1.20.051~~)).

8 **Sec. 4.** 2019 c 297 s 4 (uncodified) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

11 (1) RCW 1.20.050 (Standard time—Daylight saving time) and 2021
12 c . . . s 2 (section 2 of this act) & 1953 c 2 s 1; and

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

15 ~~(3)~~) RCW 1.20.052 and 2019 c 297 s 1.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 1.20.051 (Daylight saving time) and
17 2018 c 22 s 2, 1963 c 14 s 1, & 1961 c 3 s 1 are each repealed.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 3 of this act expires when the
19 contingency in section 5, chapter 297, Laws of 2019 occurs.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 4 of this act takes effect when
21 the contingency in section 5, chapter 297, Laws of 2019 occurs.

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