

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### SB 26 Summary of Changes

*SB 26 (34-LS0267\A) to HCS SB 26 STA (34-LS0267\H)*

#### Summary

This CS makes two changes. First, it carves out Western Alaska—all land east of longitude -155W—from Pacific Standard Time. Second, it moves the US DOT approval deadline for the time zone change from January 1, 2035, to January 1, 2028. If the US DOT does not approve the petition by 2028, the petition is repealed.

#### Specific Changes: SB 26 Ver. A to SB 26 Ver. H

**Section 1:** no change

**Section 2** changes the time zone petition. It clarifies that the petition is for everything east of longitude -155W. This carves Western Alaska out of Pacific Standard Time.

- Page 2, line 1 of version A: delete “Zone” and insert “Zones”
- Page 2, line 3 of version A, following “state:” insert “east of longitude -155W, with minor variations as requested by proximate communities”

**Section 3:** All language in this section from version A is replaced by new language in version H.

- Version A provided a conditional effective date for section 1 of January 1, 2035, if the US DOT approved the petition to join Pacific Standard Time.
- Version H provides a conditional repealer that, if the US DOT does not approve the petition to adopt Pacific Standard Time by January 1, 2028, the petition is repealed.

**Section 4:** no change

**Section 5:** All language in this section from version A is replaced by new language in version H.

- Version A provided a conditional effective date in which the time change in section 1 took effect when the US DOT put the state in Pacific Standard Time.
- Version H makes this act effective on the earlier of the two dates:
  - The date when the US DOT approves the state's petition to join Pacific Standard Time.
  - March 11, 2028, which is “spring forward” in 2028.

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