

Senate Bill 26, version A

Sectional Analysis

“An Act petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska and exempt the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date.”

Section 1. Amends AS 44.12 - Exemption from Daylight Saving Time (AS 44.12.400)

- Exempts the state of Alaska from the observation of daylight-saving time (DST).

Section 2. Amends the Uncodified Law of the State of Alaska - Petition to the US Department of Transportation to Change Alaska's Time Zone

- Directs the Alaska State Legislature to formally petition the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to move the entire state to the Pacific Standard Time (PST) zone.
- Requests the USDOT to initiate proceedings under the Uniform Time Act of 1966.

Section 3. Conditional Effect of Section 1

- States that Section 1 (the exemption from DST) will only take effect if the USDOT places the entire state of Alaska within the Pacific Standard Time zone on or before January 1, 2035.

Section 4. Immediate Effect of Section 2

- Provides that Section 2, which initiates the petition to the USDOT, takes effect immediately upon the passage of the Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Section 1

- Specifies that if Section 1 (the exemption from DST) takes effect, it will do so on the effective date of the placement of all of Alaska into the Pacific Standard Time zone by the USDOT.