

**Senate Bill 26, version A**  
**Sectional Analysis**

**“An Act petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; exempting 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 United States 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 of Alaska to the Pacific Standard Time (PST) zone.
- Requests the USDOT to initiate proceedings under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, following the procedural requirements for changing time zones.

**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.