

SENATE BILL NO. 26

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time**
2 **zones of Alaska; exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Article 5. Standard Time.**

7 **Sec. 44.12.400. Exemption from daylight saving time.** The state exempts
8 itself from observation of advanced time, also known as daylight saving time, during
9 the period set under 15 U.S.C. 260a for the advancement of time each calendar year,
10 and the entire state shall observe the standard time that is otherwise applicable during
11 that period.

12 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 **PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

1 TO CHANGE THE TIME ZONE IN WHICH ALASKA IS LOCATED. The legislature, by
2 this Act, petitions the United States Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings
3 under the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to place all of the state within the Pacific Standard Time
4 zone as provided in the United States Department of Transportation's "Procedure for Moving
5 an Area from One Time Zone to Another."

6 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 CONDITIONAL EFFECT OF SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT. Section 1 of this Act takes
9 effect only if the United States Department of Transportation places all of the state within the
10 Pacific Standard Time zone on or before January 1, 2035.

11 * **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

12 * **Sec. 5.** If sec. 1 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect on the effective date of the
13 placement of all of the state within the Pacific Standard Time zone.