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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the proposed change in
6 the time zone for Juneau, Alaska

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS, on March 28, 1980, the voters of Juneau, Alaska, by a margin
9 of two to one, adopted the following amendment to the municipal charter:

10 Sec. 3.19. RESTRICTION ON ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY. The Assembly may
11 not sponsor, petition, propose, recommend, refer, or otherwise act in
12 any way to provide for a change of the Pacific Time Zone applying to
13 the area of the municipality. An ordinance, resolution, motion, order
14 or other legislative authority in effect on the effective date of this
15 section and inconsistent with this section, including but not limited
16 to Resolution 569 of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, is of no
17 effect. Promptly upon the effective date of this section, the Assembly
18 shall give notice to the United States Department of Transportation of
19 the adoption of this section and shall petition the Department for
20 reconsideration of any decision which alters the Pacific Time Zone
21 applying to the area of the municipality.

22 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has, without
23 good cause, failed to give adequate weight to the undeniable preference of
24 the vast majority of the people of Juneau and of all Southeastern Alaska in
25 regard to the proposed time change, and it intends to effect the change on
26 April 27, 1980;

27 WHEREAS, this arbitrary and unreasonable disregard of public sentiment
28 contradicts the concept of government based on consent of the governed;

29 WHEREAS, there is no federal interest or policy which supports the

1 Department of Transportation's disregard of public sentiment in the matter
2 of Juneau's proposed time change;

3 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation
4 acceded to the wishes of the people of Juneau as expressed in the election
5 results and cancel its proposed change in Juneau's time zone.

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