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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 (State Affairs) am S
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Requesting the Secretary of the United
6 States Department of Transportation to
7 revise the standard time zones in which
8 Alaska is located.
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 WHEREAS Alaska is the only state that spans four time zones; and
11 WHEREAS the time differences between the communities in Alaska create
12 an artificial barrier that impairs efforts to improve communications among
13 the widely scattered population centers of this vast state; and
14 WHEREAS the elimination of the time differential between the state
15 capital and the other centers of finance, trade, and commerce in Alaska
16 would bring state government closer to all the people of the state; and
17 WHEREAS all of the state, including Western Alaska and the Aleutian
18 Islands, should be in a single Alaska time zone to improve communication
19 between the people of the state; and
20 WHEREAS placing all of Alaska in a single time zone would allow
21 Alaskans to use an identical time schedule that would avoid inconvenience
22 to the traveler, the transportation industry, and other commercial enter-
23 prises; and
24 WHEREAS federal law (15 U.S.C. secs. 260 - 267; 49 U.S.C. sec. 1655-
25 (e)(5)) regulates the time on which all federal offices and common carriers
26 engaged in interstate and foreign commerce operate and grants to the United
27 States Secretary of Transportation the authority to redefine the boundaries
28 of time zones that serve the United States;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Secre-
2 tary of the United States Department of Transportation to redefine the
3 boundaries of the time zones in which Alaska is located by shifting those
4 portions of the state located in the Pacific Standard Time Zone, the Alaska
5 Standard Time Zone and the Bering Standard Time Zone to the Yukon Standard
6 Time Zone; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the United
8 States Government to designate the new single time zone in which all of
9 Alaska will be located as the Alaska Standard Time Zone.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elizabeth
11 Dole, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Honorable
12 George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the
13 Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
15 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
16 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.