

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: Federal laws require the states to observe daylight savings time, unless they grant themselves an exception. With this exception, the state would remain on standard time for the entire year. Montana could also move to another time zone through an application by the legislature or the governor to the federal Department of Transportation.

Legislative Services Division Materials: None.

Other Materials:

Congressional Research Service, [98-99 C Daylight Saving Time](#) (1998)

Introduced Legislation

2021

[House Bill 538](#) – (H) Died in Process. AN ACT CREATING MONTANA STANDARD TIME; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

[Senate Bill 254](#) – Chapter Number Assigned. REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; AUTHORIZING YEAR-ROUND MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; EXEMPTING THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME; PROVIDING THAT YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS CONTINGENT TO SIMILAR APPROVALS IN OTHER STATES; PROVIDING THAT YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS ALSO CONTINGENT TO APPROVAL BY THE UNITED

STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR CONGRESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 30-14-1729 AND 71-1-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING A CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.

Senate Joint Resolution 17 – (S) Filed with Secretary of State. A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW MONTANA TO ENACT YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

2019

HB 430 – (H) Died in process. AN ACT PROVIDING A REFERENDUM TO CREATE MONTANA DAYLIGHT TIME; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR CONGRESS OF THE TRANSFER OF THE STATE OF MONTANA FROM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME TO CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

2017

[Senate Bill 206](#) – (H) Died in standing committee. AN ACT CREATING MONTANA STANDARD TIME; AND PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

2015: None.

2013: None.

2011:

[House Bill 500](#) – (H) Died in standing committee. AN ACT ESTABLISHING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AS THE OFFICIAL TIME FOR MONTANA; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 30-14-1729 AND 71-1-313, MCA.

[SB 178](#) – (S) Died in standing committee. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE YEAR-ROUND OBSERVANCE OF MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STATE OF MONTANA, INCLUDING ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; EXEMPTING THE STATE FROM OBSERVANCE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA; AMENDING SECTION 30-14-1729, MCA.

2009

SB 177 – (S) Died in standing committee. AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARD TIME AS THE OFFICIAL TIME FOR MONTANA AND REJECTING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

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