

**Senator Wayne A. Harper** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CHANGE UTAH'S  
DESIGNATED TIME ZONE AND OBSERVANCE OF  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

House Sponsor: Norman K. Thurston

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor calls for an amendment to federal law to allow Utah to remain on mountain daylight time year-round and, in the alternative, the change of Utah's designated time zone to central standard time.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ urges Utah's congressional delegation to introduce legislation that amends federal law to allow states to remain on daylight saving time year-round;
- ▶ urges the United States Congress to amend federal law to allow states to remain on daylight saving time year-round;
- ▶ intends, contingent on the passage of federal legislation, that Utah exempt the state from mountain standard time and remain on mountain daylight time year-round;
- ▶ directs the Utah Department of Transportation to create and submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation to change Utah's designated time zone from mountain standard time to central standard time;
- ▶ urges the United States Department of Transportation to approve the state's



26 application to change the designated time zone; and

27       ▶ intends, contingent on the approval of Utah's application for the state's transfer of  
28 designated time zone, that Utah opt out of daylight saving time and observe central  
29 standard time year-round.

30 **Special Clauses:**

31       None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

33       WHEREAS, the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, divides the United  
34 States of America into multiple sections and designates a time zone for each section;

35       WHEREAS, under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260(a), Utah has the  
36 authority to exempt the state from the provisions of daylight saving time to remain on mountain  
37 standard time year-round;

38       WHEREAS, under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260(b), Utah is  
39 prohibited from exempting the state from standard time to remain on mountain daylight time  
40 year-round or moving the state to central standard time, the equivalent of mountain daylight  
41 time;

42       WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is vested with the  
43 authority to designate the limits of each time zone and change the designated time zone of a  
44 state under the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, if the change is in the  
45 "convenience of commerce";

46       WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor have determined that it is in the  
47 economic and commercial interest of the citizens of Utah to either exempt Utah from standard  
48 time to remain on mountain daylight time or change Utah's designated time zone from  
49 mountain standard time to central standard time and exempt the state from daylight saving time  
50 to remain on Central Standard Time year-round;

51       WHEREAS, Utah's exemption from standard time in the mountain time zone or the  
52 adoption of central standard time is in the interest of the United States;

53       WHEREAS, the exemption from standard time in the mountain time zone or the  
54 adoption of central standard time would increase, for one hour, daylight in the evening hours;

55       WHEREAS, one extra hour of daylight in the evening will reduce household and  
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57 commercial energy use, reduce traffic accidents, increase commercial activity, and increase the  
58 tax base of Utah and the United States;

59 WHEREAS, the exemption from standard time in the mountain time zone or the  
60 adoption of central standard time would further provide for the "convenience of commerce,"  
61 within that term's meaning in the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261; and

62 WHEREAS, if the United States Congress amends the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15  
63 U.S.C. Sec. 260, to allow states to choose to remain on daylight saving time year-round, the  
64 Legislature intends to enact legislation, in accordance with the amended federal law, that would  
65 exempt Utah from mountain standard time to remain on mountain daylight time year-round;  
66 and

67 WHEREAS, if the United States Department of Transportation changes Utah's time  
68 zone designation to Central Standard Time, the Legislature intends to enact legislation, in  
69 accordance with the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260(a), that would exempt  
70 Utah from daylight saving time and allow the state to remain on central standard time  
71 year-round:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
73 Governor concurring therein, urges Utah's congressional delegation to introduce legislation to  
74 amend the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260, to allow states to choose to remain  
75 on daylight saving time year-round.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the passing of federal legislation to amend  
77 the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260, to allow states to choose to remain on  
78 daylight saving time year-round, Utah shall adopt and observe mountain daylight time  
79 year-round.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor, in the  
81 alternative, direct the Utah Department of Transportation to create an application before  
82 January 1, 2019, in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation's policies  
83 and procedures and 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, to change the state of Utah's designated time zone  
84 from its current designation of mountain standard time to central standard time.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor certify that the  
86 application to the United States Department of Transportation that the Utah Department of  
87 Transportation creates under the direction of this concurrent resolution is created and submitted

88 with the approval of, and on behalf of, the Legislature and Governor of this state.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United  
90 States Department of Transportation to approve Utah's application to change from the  
91 designation of mountain standard time to central standard time.

92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the application to the United  
93 States Department of Transportation, Utah shall adopt and observe central standard time.

94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of  
95 the United States Department of Transportation, the Executive Director of the Utah  
96 Department of Transportation, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.