

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative KESSLER of South Portland and  
Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §151**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 268, §1, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **§151. Standard time**

5 **1. Standard time.** The standard time for the State is the time as determined by 15  
6 United States Code, Sections 260 to 267 except that the standard time year-round for the  
7 State is the time commonly known as eastern daylight time or eastern daylight saving time,  
8 referred to in this section as "eastern daylight time," if: federal law or regulation permits  
9 the year-round observation of eastern daylight time.

10 ~~A. Federal law permits the year-round observation of eastern daylight time; and~~

11 ~~B. All the states in the eastern time zone and the District of Columbia observe eastern~~  
12 ~~daylight time year-round.~~

13 **2. Secretary of State to monitor and provide public notice.** The Secretary of State  
14 shall monitor whether the ~~conditions~~ condition under subsection 1, ~~paragraphs A and B~~  
15 ~~have has~~ been met ~~and provide public notice when each has been met.~~ When ~~both~~  
16 ~~conditions~~ the condition under subsection 1, ~~paragraphs A and B~~ ~~have has~~ been met, the  
17 Secretary of State shall issue a public notice announcing the effective date of year-round  
18 eastern daylight time as established in subsection 3.

19 **3. Effective date.** Year-round eastern daylight time is effective immediately upon the  
20 fulfillment of ~~both conditions~~ the condition in subsection 1, ~~paragraphs A and B~~ if the State  
21 is observing eastern daylight time on the date ~~both conditions are~~ the condition is met.  
22 Year-round eastern daylight time is effective on the next start date of eastern daylight time  
23 after ~~both conditions~~ the condition in subsection 1, ~~paragraphs A and B~~ ~~have has~~ been met  
24 if the State is not observing eastern daylight time on the date ~~both of the conditions are~~  
25 condition is met.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 Current law provides that the standard time year-round for the State is the time  
28 commonly known as eastern daylight time, if federal law permits the year-round  
29 observation of eastern daylight time and all the states in the eastern time zone and the  
30 District of Columbia observe eastern daylight time year-round. This bill removes the  
31 prerequisite that all the states in the eastern time zone and the District of Columbia observe  
32 eastern daylight time, which will allow Maine to observe eastern daylight time year-round  
33 if federal law or regulation permits it.