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**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Request That the
United States Secretary of Transportation Place Maine in the
Atlantic Standard Time Zone**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative McKANE of Newcastle and
Representatives: LINDELL of Frankfort, PARADIS of Frenchville, VAUGHAN of Durham.

2 **Preamble.** Whereas, pursuant to an order of the United States
Secretary of Transportation, the State of Maine is in the Eastern
Standard Time zone; and

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6 **Whereas,** there would be many benefits to the State of Maine
if the State were placed in the Atlantic Standard Time zone,
including more daylight in the afternoon, increased economic
8 opportunities and less energy consumption; now, therefore, be it

10 **Sec. 1. Secretary of State to request that United States Secretary of
Transportation place Maine in Atlantic Standard Time zone. Resolved:**
12 That the Secretary of State shall request that the United States
Secretary of Transportation place the State of Maine in the
14 Atlantic Standard Time zone; and be it further

16 **Sec. 2. Referendum procedure; submission at statewide election;
form of question; effective date. Resolved:** That this resolve must be
18 submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide
election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of
20 November following passage of this resolve. The municipal
officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
22 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner
prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on
24 the acceptance or rejection of this resolve by voting on the
following question:

26 "Do you favor placing Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time
28 zone?"

30 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
32 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
34 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
36 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
38 are cast in favor of the resolve, the Governor shall proclaim
that fact without delay, and the resolve takes effect 30 days
40 after the date of the proclamation.

42 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
44 resolve necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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SUMMARY

48 This resolve directs the Secretary of State to request that
50 the United States Secretary of Transportation place

2 Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time zone. This resolve is
subject to approval by the voters at referendum.