

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 11, 2017

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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**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CRAIG of Brewer, HANINGTON of Lincoln,  
ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, TEPLER of Topsham, TUELL of East  
Machias, Senator: HAMPER of Oxford.

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

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

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

10 **Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at election; form of**  
11 **question; effective date. Resolved:** That this resolve must be submitted to the legal  
12 voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following  
13 passage of this resolve. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of  
14 their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for  
15 holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this resolve by  
16 voting on the following question:

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

18 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question  
19 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square  
20 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and  
21 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of  
22 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall  
23 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this resolve, the  
24 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this resolve becomes effective 30  
25 days after the date of the proclamation.

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

## 29 SUMMARY

30 This resolve directs the Secretary of State to request that the United States Secretary  
31 of Transportation place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time zone. This resolve is  
32 subject to approval by the voters at referendum.