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L.D. 203

Date: 4/24/17 *Minority*

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 159, L.D. 203, Bill, "An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §151, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 129, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§151. Standard time

1. Standard time. The standard time for the State is the time as determined by 15 United States Code, Sections 260 to 267.

2. Advancement of time. The State is exempt from the provisions of 15 United States Code, Section 260a providing for an advancement of time during a portion of the year and instead observes Atlantic Standard Time throughout the year without advancement during any period.

Sec. 2. Secretary of State to monitor legislative activities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire; request that United States Secretary of Transportation place Maine in Atlantic Standard Time Zone. The Secretary of State shall monitor legislative activities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire regarding placement of those states in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone. No later than 30 days after Massachusetts and New Hampshire adopt legislation seeking placement in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone, the Secretary of State shall request that the United States Secretary of Transportation place the State in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone. The Secretary of State shall notify the Revisor of Statutes and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters if the United States Secretary of Transportation has approved placement of the State in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 3. Contingent effective date. That section of this Act that repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 151 does not take effect unless the State is placed by the United States Secretary of Transportation in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment does the following.

1. It requires the Secretary of State to monitor legislative activity in Massachusetts and New Hampshire regarding placement of those states in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone.
2. It makes the State's request to the United States Secretary of Transportation to place the State in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone contingent on the adoption of the Atlantic Standard Time Zone by Massachusetts and New Hampshire and requires the Secretary of State to notify the Revisor of Statutes and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters when the United States Secretary of Transportation has approved placement of the State in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone.
3. The bill exempts the State from daylight saving time. The amendment provides that if the State is placed by the United States Secretary of Transportation in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone, the State no longer observes daylight saving time and Atlantic Standard Time is the standard time throughout the year without advancement during any period.
4. The bill, contingent on a time zone change, changes the law governing periods of closure for hauling lobster traps. The amendment does not retain that provision.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 203

LR 1392(03)

An Act To Opt Out of Federal Daylight Saving Time and To Ask the United States Secretary of Transportation To Place the State in the Atlantic Time Zone

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

B (H-77)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with monitoring legislative activities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.