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H.P. 126

House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

**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**

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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 KESSLER of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DUNPHY of Old Town,  
RECKITT of South Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STROM of  
Pittsfield, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §151**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 129, §1, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **§151. "Standard Time"**

5 The standard time for the State is the time as determined by 15 United States Code,  
6 Sections 260 to 267, except that the State is exempt from the provisions of 15 United  
7 States Code, Section 260a providing for the advancement of time and instead observes  
8 the standard time otherwise applicable during that period.

9 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6440, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 123, §1, is further  
10 amended to read:

11 **2. Weekends.** During the period from 4 p.m., ~~Eastern Daylight Savings Time,~~  
12 Saturday, to 1/2 hour before sunrise the following Monday morning from June 1st to  
13 August 31st, both days inclusive, except that it is lawful to raise or haul traps during this  
14 period if a hurricane warning issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for any  
15 coastal waters of the State.

16 **Sec. 3. Secretary of State to request that United States Secretary of**  
17 **Transportation place Maine in Atlantic Time Zone.** The Secretary of State shall  
18 request that the United States Secretary of Transportation place the State in the Atlantic  
19 Time Zone.

20 **Sec. 4. Contingent effective date.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act do not take effect  
21 until the United States Secretary of Transportation places the State in the Atlantic Time  
22 Zone pursuant to section 3.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill creates an exemption to federal provisions regarding the observation of  
25 so-called Eastern Daylight Saving Time in the State and requires the Secretary of State to  
26 request that the United States Secretary of Transportation place the State in the Atlantic  
27 Time Zone.