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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

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

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2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §151**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 268, §1, is amended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 permits it.