

NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Standard Time.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, most of the other New England States have either advanced or are contemplating an advance of standard time for the month of October; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the State of Maine conform in order to prevent confusion in communications and general business activity; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 1, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'At 2 o'clock ante-meridian of the last Sunday in April of each year, the standard time in this State shall be advanced one hour, and at 2 o'clock ante-meridian of the last Sunday in October of each year the standard time in this State, by the retarding of one hour, shall be made to coincide with the mean astronomical time of the degree of longitude governing the zone wherein the state is situated, the standard official time of which is described as United States standard eastern time, so that between the last Sunday of April at 2 o'clock ante-meridian and the last Sunday in October at 2 o'clock ante-meridian in each year the standard time in this State shall be one hour in advance of the United States Standard Eastern Time.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

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