

1 SENATE BILL 239

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO TIME; SETTING MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AS THE
12 PERMANENT YEAR-ROUND TIME FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] FINDINGS.--The legislature
16 finds that:

17 A. the federal Standard Time Act of 1918, Public
18 Law 65-106, established standard time zones for the United
19 States bounded by designated meridian lines, including the
20 mountain standard time zone in which the state of New Mexico is
21 placed, and the standard time zone designations have since
22 become geographic names of regional identity;

23 B. the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, Public Law
24 89-387, was enacted by congress to "promote the adoption and
25 observance of uniform time within the standard times zones" of

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1 the United States and established an annual advancement from
2 standard time in March of each year, commonly called "daylight
3 saving time" and an annual return to standard time
4 approximately eight months later;

5 C. Section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966
6 authorizes a state that is entirely situated within one time
7 zone, as is the state of New Mexico, to exempt itself from the
8 change to daylight saving time as long as it does so uniformly
9 as an entire state;

10 D. the residents and businesses of the state of New
11 Mexico have become much more habituated to the eight months of
12 daylight saving time per year than the four months of standard
13 time per year; and

14 E. the biannual change of time between mountain
15 standard time and mountain daylight saving time is disruptive
16 to commerce and to the daily schedules of the residents of the
17 state of New Mexico.

18 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF
19 TIME ZONE--ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFORM STATE TIME--PERMANENT
20 BASIS.--

21 A. Prior to January 1, 2018, the office of the
22 governor shall apply to the United States secretary of
23 transportation for the state of New Mexico to be transferred to
24 the central time zone pursuant to the federal Standard Time Act
25 of 1918.

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B. Upon approval of a transfer to the central time zone by the United States secretary of transportation, the uniform time within the state of New Mexico shall be coordinated universal time negatively offset by six hours throughout the year.

C. The uniform time within the state of New Mexico shall be known as mountain daylight saving time.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.