

1 SENATE BILL 377

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO TIME; SETTING MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 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 the March of each year, commonly called  
3 "daylight savings 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 savings 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 savings time per year than the four months of standard  
13 time per year; and

14 E. the biennial change of time between mountain  
15 standard time and mountain daylight savings 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, 2016, 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 offset by six hours throughout the year.

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

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.