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SENATE BILL

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TIME; EXEMPTING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FROM THE REVERSION TO STANDARD TIME FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WHEN FEDERAL LAW IS AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE A STATE TO EXEMPT ITSELF FROM REVERTING TO STANDARD TIME.

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

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

- A. the entire state of New Mexico is situated within one federally established time zone;
- B. the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, Public Law 89-387, was enacted by congress to "promote the adoption and observance of uniform time within the standard time zones" of the United States and established an annual advancement from standard time in March of each year, commonly called "daylight

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1 saving time", and an annual return to standard time  
2 approximately eight months later; and

3 C. federal law authorizes a state that is entirely  
4 situated within one time zone to exempt itself from the annual  
5 requirement to advance time for daylight saving as long as it  
6 does so uniformly as an entire state.

7 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] EXEMPTION FROM REVERSION TO  
8 STANDARD TIME.--When federal law is amended to allow a state to  
9 exempt itself from reverting to standard time after advancing  
10 to daylight saving time, the state of New Mexico in its  
11 entirety is exempted from reverting to standard time.

12 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The provisions of this act  
13 shall become effective on the first day that the state advances  
14 time to daylight saving time after a federal law has been  
15 enacted allowing a state to exempt itself from reverting to  
16 standard time from daylight saving time.