

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPEALING  
2 CHAPTER 96, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME;  
3 AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 73, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SEC-  
4 TION 73-123, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING  
5 TIME IN THE MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE PORTION OF IDAHO AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
6 STATE OF IDAHO SHALL CONFORM TO ANY FEDERAL LAW THAT MAKES DAYLIGHT  
7 SAVING TIME PERMANENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 73, IDAHO CODE, BY THE  
8 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 73-124, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION  
9 FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE PACIFIC TIME ZONE PORTION OF IDAHO AND  
10 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF IDAHO SHALL CONFORM TO ANY FEDERAL LAW THAT  
11 MAKES DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENT; AND PROVIDING CONTINGENCY EFFEC-  
12 TIVE DATES.  
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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

15 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The Legislature finds and declares  
16 that:

17 (1) Changing clocks between Standard Time and Daylight Saving Time is  
18 disruptive to health, safety, education, and the economy.

19 (2) Federal law permits observance of only permanent Standard Time by a  
20 state exempting itself from Daylight Saving Time as the alternative to bian-  
21 nual changing of clocks.

22 (3) Permanent Daylight Saving Time has been repealed in the past due to  
23 its harm to health, safety, education, and the economy soon after its trials  
24 during World War II and the Oil Crisis of the 1970s.

25 (4) Permanent Standard Time has historically proven to exist without  
26 incident for decades.

27 (5) The American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the National Sleep Founda-  
28 tion, the Sleep Research Society, and the Society for Research on Biological  
29 Rhythms advise against permanent Daylight Saving Time and recommend perma-  
30 nent Standard Time.

31 (6) Standard Time is intended to approximate natural solar time.

32 (7) Coordination with contiguous states regarding timekeeping is es-  
33 sential to convenience of commerce.

34 SECTION 2. That Chapter 96, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
35 hereby repealed.

36 SECTION 3. That Chapter 1, Title 73, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
37 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
38 ignated as Section 73-123, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

39 73-123. EXEMPTION FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE  
40 PORTION. (1) The state of Idaho hereby exempts the portion of the state that

1 is in the mountain time zone from the daylight saving time provisions of 15  
2 U.S.C. 260a.

3 (2) If the United States congress enacts legislation to mandate per-  
4 manent daylight saving time in a majority of all states, the state of Idaho  
5 shall conform to such new federal law.

6 SECTION 4. That Chapter 1, Title 73, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
7 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
8 ignated as Section 73-124, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 73-124. EXEMPTION FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE PACIFIC TIME ZONE  
10 PORTION. (1) The state of Idaho hereby exempts the portion of the state that  
11 is in the Pacific time zone from the daylight saving time provisions of 15  
12 U.S.C. 260a.

13 (2) If the United States congress enacts legislation to mandate per-  
14 manent daylight saving time in a majority of all states, the state of Idaho  
15 shall conform to such new federal law.

16 SECTION 5. Section 3 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and  
17 after January 1 of the first year following or coinciding with effectuation  
18 of exemption from Daylight Saving Time in the portion of the state of Oregon  
19 that is in the Mountain Time Zone. Sections 2 and 4 of this act shall be in  
20 full force and effect on and after January 1 of the first year following or  
21 coinciding with effectuation of exemption from Daylight Saving Time in the  
22 state of Washington.