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129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 659, L.D. 885, Bill, “An Act Regarding Daylight Saving Time in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §151**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 129, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§151. Standard time**

**1. Standard time.** The standard time for the State is the time as determined by 15 United States Code, Sections 260 to 267 except that the standard time year-round for the State is the time commonly known as eastern daylight time or eastern daylight saving time, referred to in this section as eastern daylight time, if:

- A. Federal law permits the year-round observation of eastern daylight time; and
- B. All the states in the eastern time zone and the District of Columbia observe eastern daylight time year-round.

**2. Secretary of State to monitor and provide public notice.** The Secretary of State shall monitor whether the conditions under subsection 1, paragraphs A and B have been met and provide public notice when each has been met. When both conditions under subsection 1, paragraphs A and B have been met, the Secretary of State shall issue a public notice announcing the effective date of year-round eastern daylight time as established in subsection 3.

**3. Effective date.** Year-round eastern daylight time is effective immediately upon the fulfillment of both conditions in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B if the State is observing eastern daylight time on the date both conditions are met. Year-round eastern daylight time is effective on the next start date of eastern daylight time after both

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1 conditions in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B have been met if the State is not  
2 observing eastern daylight time on the date both of the conditions are met.'

3 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
4 section number to read consecutively.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment changes Maine's standard time to what is commonly known as  
7 eastern daylight time year-round when federal law permits the District of Columbia and  
8 all states within the eastern time zone to observe eastern daylight time year-round and the  
9 District of Columbia and all the eastern time zone states do so. The amendment requires  
10 the Secretary of State to monitor legislative activity by the United States Congress, the  
11 District of Columbia and all the eastern time zone states regarding year-round eastern  
12 daylight time and provide public notice when each of the conditions is met. The  
13 amendment specifies the start date of year-round eastern daylight time and requires the  
14 Secretary of State to provide public notice of the effective date.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 **(See attached)**