
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the main purpose of
2 daylight saving time is to make better use of daylight by
3 creating longer summer evenings. Daylight saving time "makes
4 the sun set" one hour later because clocks are set forward one
5 hour in the spring. This reduces the period between sunset and
6 bedtime by one hour and means that less electricity is used for
7 lighting and appliances late in the day.

8 Historically, daylight saving time was a means to reduce
9 the use of fuel for lighting, especially when fuel was necessary
10 for other pressing matters, such as during World War I and World
11 War II. Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of
12 Transportation show that daylight saving time reduces the entire
13 country's electricity usage by a small but significant amount
14 due to less demand for lighting and appliances.

15 Daylight saving time would provide other benefits including
16 providing young trick-or-treaters with more light, and
17 therefore, more safety from traffic accidents on Halloween;
18 possible increased voter turnout in general elections; and less



1 violent crime, as a study by the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance
2 Administration found that crime rates were consistently lower
3 during periods of daylight saving time by as much as ten to 13
4 percent.

5 In addition, the institution of daylight saving time in
6 Hawaii would enable businesses to conduct more business during
7 daylight hours and would also allow Hawaii businesses to be on
8 the same time period as businesses on the U.S. mainland. Thus,
9 businesses in Hawaii would have an easier time communicating and
10 doing business with businesses on the U.S. mainland.

11 But perhaps the most important reason for observing
12 daylight saving time is the potential for working parents to be
13 able to spend more time outdoors with their children after work.

14 On March 1, 2007, the provisions of the federal Energy
15 Policy Act of 2005 amending the daylight saving law (15 United
16 States Code 260a(a)) came into effect. Under the federal law,
17 daylight saving time begins on the second Sunday of March, and
18 ends on the first Sunday of November. Hawaii has heretofore
19 chosen to exempt itself from the provisions of this law.

20 The purpose of this Act is to institute daylight saving
21 time in Hawaii.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§1- Daylight saving time. The State shall observe
5 daylight saving time as provided in Title 15, United
6 States Code Section 260a(a), as amended."

7 SECTION 3. Section 1-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§1-30 Hawaiian standard time applicable. [~~It~~ Except as
10 provided in section 1- _____, all statutes, ordinances, rules,
11 regulations, and orders relating to the time of performance of
12 any act by any state or county officer or agency, whether in the
13 legislative, executive, or judicial branches of the government,
14 or relating to the time within which any rights shall accrue or
15 determine, or within which any act shall or shall not, may or
16 may not, be performed by any person subject to the jurisdiction
17 of the State, that time shall be Hawaiian standard time."

18 SECTION 4. Section 1-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "§1-31 Hawaiian standard time; definition; observance.
21 Hawaiian standard time is ten hours slower than Greenwich time,
22 based on the mean solar time of the one hundred and fiftieth



1 degree of longitude west from Greenwich and except as provided
 2 in section 1- , shall be the time which the entire State,
 3 including all of its political subdivisions, shall observe
 4 annually[, notwithstanding the daylight time conversion
 5 provisions of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, Public Law 89-387,
 6 80 Statutes at Large 107]."

7 SECTION 5. Section 11-195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 8 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

9 "(e) [~~In order to~~] To be timely filed, a committee's
 10 reports shall be filed on the commission's electronic filing
 11 system on or before 11:59 p.m. [~~Hawaii standard time~~] on the
 12 prescribed filing date."

13 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on March 12, 2010.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

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Description:

Institutes daylight saving time in Hawaii.

