



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

March 6, 2019

Senator Jim Honeyford  
112 Irv Newhouse Building  
PO Box 40415  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Senator Honeyford,

As the Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the riding of Boundary-Similkameen, I am pleased to inform you that I have introduced a Private Members' Bill (M 204-2019) in our legislature entitled the *Interpretation (Uniform Pacific Time Zone) Amendment Act, 2019*.

This bill seeks to align British Columbia with other jurisdictions currently in the Pacific Time Zone should they decide to end the practice of time shifting. The State of Washington and the State of California are currently in the process of contemplating an end to time shifting and, should those efforts succeed, it makes sense for British Columbia to do the same.

I look forward to seeing how your bill progresses through your legislature and wish you well through the rest of your legislative session.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Larson, MLA  
Boundary – Similkameen

Cc: Senator Sam Hunt  
Senator Kevin Van De Wege  
Senator Phil Fortunato  
Senator Jamie Pedersen



**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 7**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Chu, Gonzalez, and Obernolte  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Arambula)**

December 3, 2018

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An act to amend Section 6808 of the Government Code, relating to computation of time, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 7, as introduced, Chu. Daylight saving time.

Existing state law sets the standard time for California and sets daylight saving time to begin each March and end each November. Existing law allows the state to set the standard time to year-round daylight saving time if federal law authorizes the state to do so.

Existing federal law does not currently allow a state to set its standard time to year-round daylight saving time.

This bill would set California's standard time to year-round daylight saving time after the federal government authorizes the state to do so, as specified.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 6808 of the Government Code is amended  
2 to read:

1 6808. (a) The standard time within the state is that of the fifth  
2 zone designated by federal law as Pacific standard time (15 U.S.C.  
3 Secs. 261 and 263).

4 (b) The standard time within the state shall advance by one hour  
5 during the daylight saving time period commencing at 2 a.m. on  
6 the second Sunday of March of each year and ending at 2 a.m. on  
7 the first Sunday of November of each year.

8 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the Legislature may amend  
9 this section by a two-thirds vote to change the dates and times of  
10 the daylight saving time period, consistent with federal law, and,  
11 if federal law authorizes the state to provide for the year-round  
12 application of daylight saving time, the Legislature may amend  
13 this section by a two-thirds vote to provide for that application.

14 (d) *Effective immediately after federal law authorizes the state*  
15 *to apply year-round daylight saving time, the standard time within*  
16 *the state shall advance by one hour commencing at 2 a.m. on the*  
17 *second Sunday of the March following the effective date of the*  
18 *federal authorization. Subsequently, notwithstanding subdivision*  
19 *(b), the daylight saving time period will not end and will apply*  
20 *year-round.*

21 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
22 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
23 the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall  
24 go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

25 Many studies show the adverse effects of biannual time changes  
26 on human health and safety, including increases in heart attacks,  
27 strokes, traffic accidents, and workplace injuries. Research also  
28 shows the benefits of year-round daylight saving time to public  
29 health, safety, and the economy. In order to prevent the ill effects  
30 of biannual time changes as soon as possible, it is necessary that  
31 this act take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1196**

Chapter 297, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME--YEAR-ROUND OBSERVATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019—Except for sections 2 through 4, which are contingent.

Passed by the House April 23, 2019  
Yeas 90 Nays 6

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 16, 2019  
Yeas 46 Nays 2

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 8, 2019 3:26 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1196** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 13, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1196**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2019 Regular Session

**State of Washington**

**66th Legislature**

**2019 Regular Session**

**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Steele, Stonier, Fitzgibbon, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, Doglio, Schmick, Eslick, Lovick, Fey, Shea, Tharinger, and Goodman)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/19.

1       AN ACT Relating to observing daylight saving time year round;  
2 amending RCW 35A.21.190; adding new sections to chapter 1.20 RCW;  
3 repealing RCW 1.20.050, 1.20.051, and 1.20.---; and providing a  
4 contingent effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8       Under federal law as it exists on the effective date of this  
9 section, states are not permitted to observe daylight saving time  
10 year round. If the United States congress amends federal law to  
11 authorize states to observe daylight saving time year round, the  
12 legislature intends that Washington state make daylight saving time  
13 the permanent time of the state and all of its political  
14 subdivisions.

15       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17       (1) The time of the state of Washington and all of its political  
18 subdivisions is Pacific daylight time throughout the calendar year,  
19 as determined by reference to coordinated universal time.

1 (2) Pacific daylight time within the state is that of the fifth  
2 zone designated by federal law as Pacific Standard Time, 15 U.S.C.  
3 Secs. 261 and 263, advanced by one hour.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35A.21.190 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.21.190 are  
5 each amended to read as follows:

6 No code city shall adopt any provision for the observance of  
7 daylight saving time other than as authorized by ((~~RCW 1.20.050 and~~  
8 ~~1.20.051~~) section 2 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
10 each repealed:

11 (1) RCW 1.20.050 (Standard time—Daylight saving time) and 1953 c  
12 2 s 1;

13 (2) RCW 1.20.051 (Daylight saving time) and 2018 c 22 s 2, 1963 c  
14 14 s 1, & 1961 c 3 s 1; and

15 (3) RCW 1.20.--- and 2019 c . . . s 1 (section 1 of this act).

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Sections 2 through 4 of this act take  
17 effect on the first Sunday in November following the effective date  
18 of federal authorization to observe daylight saving time year-round,  
19 except if the effective date of federal authorization to observe  
20 daylight saving time year-round occurs on or after October 1st but  
21 before the first Sunday in November, sections 2 through 4 of this act  
22 take effect on the first Sunday in November in the following year.

23 (2) The governor shall provide written notice of the effective  
24 date of sections 2 through 4 of this act to affected parties, the  
25 chief clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the  
26 senate, the office of the code reviser, and others as deemed  
27 appropriate by the governor.

Passed by the House April 23, 2019.  
Passed by the Senate April 16, 2019.  
Approved by the Governor May 8, 2019.  
Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 13, 2019.

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