

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1069

By: Representative S. Meeks

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO OBSERVE STANDARD TIME YEAR ROUND IN  
ARKANSAS; TO ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN  
ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO OBSERVE STANDARD TIME YEAR ROUND IN  
ARKANSAS; AND TO ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME IN ARKANSAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

1-1-104. Observation of standard time.

(a) The State of Arkansas, acting under the exemption provision of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. § 260a(a), is exempt from the provisions of that law that establish daylight saving time.

(b) The standard time in Arkansas shall be the solar time of the ninetieth meridian west of Greenwich, commonly known as central standard time.

(c) This section shall not be construed to affect the standard time established by United States law governing the movements of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce or the time for performance of an act by an officer or department of the United States, as established by statute, lawful order, rule, or regulation of the United States or an agency of the United States.

(d) If it may be reasonably accommodated, state employees shall be



provided the ability to adjust their work schedule one (1) hour earlier to a time that corresponds with daylight saving time during the portion of the year when other states observe daylight saving time.

(e)(1) The Secretary of State shall continually monitor action by the United States Government and determine whether 15 U.S.C. § 260a has been amended to require states to observe daylight saving time permanently.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the Secretary of State makes the determination required under subdivision (e)(1) of this section:

(A) The Secretary of State shall inform the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research within five (5) business days of making the determination; and

(B) The state shall observe daylight saving time year-round as the standard time in the State of Arkansas while the requirement to observe daylight saving time permanently is in place and revert to observing standard time year-round if the requirement to observe daylight saving time permanently is repealed.

/s/S. Meeks