

1 SENATE BILL 287

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO TIME; EXEMPTING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FROM THE
12 REVERSION TO STANDARD TIME FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WHEN
13 FEDERAL LAW IS AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE A STATE TO EXEMPT ITSELF OR
14 A PART OF ITSELF, OR TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO EXEMPT
15 THEMSELVES, FROM REVERTING TO STANDARD TIME AND ACCORDINGLY
16 EITHER THE STATE OF TEXAS EXEMPTS ITSELF OR A PART OF ITSELF
17 CONTAINING EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM REVERTING TO STANDARD
18 TIME OR THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, EXEMPTS
19 THE COUNTY FROM REVERTING TO STANDARD TIME.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

22 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] FINDINGS.--The legislature
23 finds that:

24 A. the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, Public Law
25 89-387, was enacted by congress to "promote the adoption and

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1 observance of uniform time within the standard time zones" of
2 the United States and established an annual advancement from
3 standard time in March of each year, commonly called "daylight
4 saving time", and an annual return to standard time
5 approximately eight months later;

6 B. federal law authorizes a state that is entirely
7 situated within one time zone to exempt itself from the annual
8 requirement to advance time for daylight saving as long as it
9 does so uniformly as an entire state; and

10 C. the freight rail-connected economic sectors in
11 southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, are linked.

12 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

13 EXEMPTION.--The state exempts itself from reverting to standard
14 time after advancing to daylight saving time, and the time in
15 New Mexico shall be mountain daylight saving time.

16 SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date

17 of the provisions of this act is November 3, 2024; provided
18 that the United States secretary of transportation certifies to
19 the New Mexico compilation commission and the legislative
20 council service that federal law has been enacted that
21 authorizes a state to exempt itself or a part of itself, or
22 allows a county to exempt itself, from reverting to standard
23 time and pursuant to that authorization:

24 A. the state of Texas has enacted a law exempting
25 itself or a part of itself that includes the county of El Paso,

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1 Texas, from reverting to standard time; or

2 B. the county commission of El Paso county, Texas,
3 has enacted an ordinance exempting itself from reverting to
4 standard time.

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