

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 7**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Chu, Gonzalez, and Obernolte**  
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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 2 **REVISIONS:**
- 3 **Heading—Line 2.**
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