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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1568

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO OBSERVE STANDARD TIME YEAR ROUND IN
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 1-1-104. Observation of standard time.

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

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

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



1 States.

2 (d) A county with a city or municipality contiguous with a city in
3 another state may determine by a vote of the residents of the county whether
4 the county will:

5 (1) Be exempt from the provisions of the Uniform Time Act of
6 1966, 15 U.S.C. 260a(a), establishing daylight saving time; or

7 (2) Participate in daylight saving time.

8 (e) If it may be reasonably accommodated, state employees shall be
9 provided the ability to adjust their work schedule one (1) hour earlier to a
10 time that corresponds with daylight saving time during the portion of the
11 year when other states observe daylight saving time.

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