

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION - NONBINDING OPINION**
2 **QUESTION ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to
11 the legal voters of the state to determine whether voters desire that Utah become
12 exempt from Daylight Saving Time and, thus, avoid changing their clocks twice each
13 year.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

16 ▶ pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions,
17 directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to the legal voters of
18 the state to determine whether voters desire that Utah become exempt from Daylight
19 Saving Time and, thus, avoid changing their clocks twice each year; and

20 ▶ directs the lieutenant governor to submit the opinion question on the ballot for the
21 2018 regular general election.

22 **Special Clauses:**

23 None

25 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 WHEREAS, Utah can avoid the inconvenience of switching between Mountain
27 Standard Time and Mountain Daylight Saving Time twice each year by becoming exempt from



28 participation in Daylight Saving Time;

29 WHEREAS, in recent years, several bills and resolutions have been introduced in the
30 Legislature to seek a change in Utah's time zone or to exempt Utah from participating in
31 Daylight Saving Time;

32 WHEREAS, in a survey conducted by the Governor's Office of Economic
33 Development, only 15% of the respondents desired to continue switching between Mountain
34 Standard Time and Mountain Daylight Saving Time;

35 WHEREAS, before taking any action in relation to becoming exempt from participation
36 in Daylight Saving Time, the Legislature desires to know the will of the voters of the state; and

37 WHEREAS, Section [36-16b-202](#) provides a process for the Legislature to submit a
38 nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah in a regular general election:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature directs the lieutenant
40 governor to submit the following nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah at the
41 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018:

42 "Utah citizens are currently required to change their clocks twice each year between Mountain
43 Standard Time and Mountain Daylight Saving Time. Utah has the ability to avoid this
44 requirement by becoming exempt from participation in Daylight Saving Time.

45 SHOULD UTAH BECOME EXEMPT FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?

46 YES

47 NO".

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the lieutenant
49 governor, who is hereby directed, in accordance with Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding
50 Statewide Public Opinion Questions, to submit the language of the foregoing opinion question
51 at the 2018 regular general election, to be held November 6, 2018, to the legal voters of the
52 state for their approval or rejection.