

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A QUESTION TO
VOTERS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Marsha Judkins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution directs the lieutenant governor to present opinion questions to the legal voters of the state to determine whether the voters support certain changes to daylight saving time.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ directs the lieutenant governor to present opinion questions to the legal voters of the state to determine whether the voters support certain changes to daylight saving time; and
- ▶ directs the lieutenant governor to submit the opinion questions on the ballot for the 2020 regular general election.

Special Clauses:

This resolution provides a special effective date.

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

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature has debated several bills over multiple years that address daylight saving time but has been unable to determine the best course of action on the issue;

WHEREAS, the Legislature's difficulty in determining the best course of action on



28 daylight saving time results, in part, from uncertainty about how the public feels on the issue;

29 WHEREAS, the Legislature has never asked the voters of the state at an election
30 whether they support making changes to daylight saving time; and

31 WHEREAS, Section 36-16c-202 provides a process for the Legislature to submit a
32 nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah in a regular general election:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
34 directs the lieutenant governor to submit the following nonbinding opinion questions to the
35 legal voters of Utah at the 2020 regular general election, to be held on November 3, 2020:

36 QUESTION 1:

37 "Regarding daylight saving time, which best represents your view (choose only one
38 option):

39 Option 1: The state should stay off of daylight saving time year-round (sun rises and
40 sets earlier)_____.

41 Option 2: The state should remain on daylight saving time year-round (sun rises and
42 sets later) _____.

43 Option 3: Either of the previously listed options are acceptable as long as citizens are
44 not required to change clocks during the year _____.

45 Option 4: The state should make no change to how it observes daylight saving time
46 _____."

47 QUESTION 2:

48 "Respond ONLY if you answered 'Option 1' or 'Option 2' above.

49 If the state does not adopt your preferred option on the previous question, would you
50 support another option that does not require citizens to change clocks during the year?

51 Yes _____

52 No _____"

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the lieutenant
54 governor, who is hereby directed, in accordance with this resolution and Title 36, Chapter 16c,
55 Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions, to submit the language of the foregoing
56 opinion questions at the 2020 regular general election, to be held on November 3, 2020, to the
57 legal voters of the state for their approval.

58 **Contingent effective date.**

59 This resolution takes effect on the day on which Title 36, Chapter 16c, Nonbinding
60 Statewide Public Opinion Questions, becomes law.