

## Ballot Proposal – “Save the Daylight”

### Keep Colorado on Daylight Saving Time Year Round

*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**Ballot Question:** Should Colorado amend C.R.S. § 2-4-109 to eliminate seasonal time changes to enjoy longer nights in Fall and Winter? If approved, Colorado would observe Daylight Saving Time year round; while permanently staying on the currently known U.S. Mountain Daylight Time zone schedule.

**Summary of Measure:** In the Summer, Colorado stays on U.S. Mountain Daylight Saving Time; This measure, once approved, will keep Colorado on that time zone all year long.

#### We propose the following amendment to C.R.S. § 2-4-109:

2-4-109. Standard time – year round daylight saving time. (2) The standard time in this state shall always be the daylight saving time now known as “United States Mountain Daylight Time.”

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2                SECTION 1. 2-4-109 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are  
3        amended to read:

4                2-4-109. Standard time within the state. (1) The standard time  
5        within the state ~~except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, is~~  
6        SHALL BE ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE STANDARD TIME that ~~which~~ is  
7        now known and designated by act of congress as "United States Mountain  
8        Standard Time".

9                (2) ~~From two o'clock antemeridian on the second Sunday of~~  
10        ~~March, until two o'clock antemeridian on the first Sunday of November,~~  
11        ~~or such other times and days as may, from time to time, be designated by~~  
12        ~~act of congress, the standard time in this state so established shall be one~~  
13        ~~hour in advance of the standard time now known as "United States~~  
14        ~~Mountain Standard Time".~~

15                **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
16        shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
23        to be held in November 2016 and shall take effect on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after the official  
24        declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

25 2-4-109.2 **Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly determines, finds, and declares:

(a) That businesses will benefit from increased consumer traffic with longer daylight hours in Fall and Winter while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule;

(b) That less pedestrian fatalities, including school age children will occur while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule;

(c) That there are fewer vehicle crashes according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule;

(d) That there is decreased energy usage while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time;

(e) That there is a reduction in pollution – environmental studies show “dark” commutes trap more greenhouse gases while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule. Less energy use during Daylight Saving Time also reduces environmental burden;

(f) That there is more time for children to play outside in the Fall and Winter while it is still light out, offering more vitamin D and exercise while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule;

(g) That Seasonal Affective Disorder sufferers benefit from longer daylight hours in the Fall and Winter while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule;

(h) That parents of Special Needs Children (and maybe all parents) benefit from a single schedule based on a clock that never changes;

(i) That City Road Workers will benefit from higher safety by having more time in light while removing construction cones during winter evening rush hour while eliminating the time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Daylight Time instead of elimination of time changes and remaining on U.S. Mountain Standard Time, or by keeping the congressional Daylight Saving schedule;

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