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**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Request That the
United States Secretary of Transportation Place Maine in the
Atlantic Standard Time Zone**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CRAIG of Brewer, HANINGTON of Lincoln,
ORDWAY of Standish, PICKETT of Dixfield, TEPLER of Topsham, TUELL of East
Machias, Senator: HAMPER of Oxford.

1 **Preamble. Whereas,** pursuant to an order of the United States Secretary of
2 Transportation, the State of Maine is in the Eastern Standard Time zone; and

3 **Whereas,** there would be many benefits to the State of Maine if the State were
4 placed in the Atlantic Standard Time zone, including more daylight in the afternoon,
5 increased economic opportunities and less energy consumption; now, therefore, be it

6 **Sec. 1. Secretary of State to request that United States Secretary of**
7 **Transportation place Maine in Atlantic Standard Time zone. Resolved:** That
8 the Secretary of State shall request that the United States Secretary of Transportation
9 place the State in the Atlantic Standard Time zone; and be it further

10 **Sec. 2. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at election; form of**
11 **question; effective date. Resolved:** That this resolve must be submitted to the legal
12 voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following
13 passage of this resolve. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of
14 their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for
15 holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this resolve by
16 voting on the following question:

17 "Do you favor placing Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time zone?"

18 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
19 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square
20 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and
21 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of
22 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall
23 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this resolve, the
24 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this resolve becomes effective 30
25 days after the date of the proclamation.

26 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
27 ballots, returns and copies of this resolve necessary to carry out the purposes of this
28 referendum.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This resolve directs the Secretary of State to request that the United States Secretary
31 of Transportation place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time zone. This resolve is
32 subject to approval by the voters at referendum.