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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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AN ACT Relating to observing daylight saving time year round;
and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. The people of Washington state believe that daylight saving time and the associated twice yearly clock changes are an outdated convention and that it is time to change. Citizens are quite frustrated by twice yearly clock changes, and there is scientific research that shows it is harmful to our bodies, causing a synonymous spike in heart attacks twice a year.

Our legislature adopted a plan to make daylight saving time permanent in chapter 297, Laws of 2019. California and Oregon have adopted similar plans. Only congressional action stands in the way of the state of Washington and the entire west coast observing daylight saving time year round.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RECOMMENDATION TO STATE LEGISLATURE. The voters of the state of Washington urge our current and future

Washington state legislatures to send an official request, in the form of a memorial, requesting that the United States congress take action on a bill authorizing states to observe daylight saving time year round.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RECOMMENDATION TO CONGRESS. The voters of the state of Washington urge immediate action by the United States congress, and current and future Washington state congressional delegations, to propose and enact a bill to allow states to observe daylight saving time year round.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** DIRECTION TO SECRETARY OF STATE. The secretary of state is authorized and directed to immediately deliver copies of this initiative, when enacted, to the following persons: The governor of the state of Washington, all current members of the Washington state legislature, all current members of the United States congress, and the president of the United States.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** CONSTRUCTION. The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

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