

By Senator Posey

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to daylight saving time; exempting the  
3 State of Florida and its political subdivisions from  
4 federal law that establishes a uniform time for an advance  
5 to daylight saving time; providing an effective date.  
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7 WHEREAS, the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. s. 260a,  
8 mandated a uniform and coordinated system of reckoning time  
9 throughout the United States, including the observance of  
10 daylight saving time during the summer months from 2 a.m. on the  
11 last Sunday of April until 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October  
12 of each year, and

13 WHEREAS, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58,  
14 changed the period of daylight saving time so that beginning in  
15 2007 daylight saving time beings on the second Sunday in March  
16 and ends on the first Sunday in November, and

17 WHEREAS, states may exempt themselves from daylight saving  
18 time only by legislative act and by opting to observe standard  
19 time throughout the state, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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23 Section 1. Under 15 U.S.C. 260a, this state exempts itself  
24 and all of its political subdivisions from observation of  
25 advanced time, also known as daylight saving time, between 2 a.m.  
26 on the second Sunday in March and 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in  
27 November in each calendar year, and the entire state and all of  
28 its political subdivisions shall observe the standard time that  
29 is otherwise applicable during that time period.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.