

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3287

To amend title 3, United States Code, and the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to establish a single poll closing time for Presidential general elect

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee Rules and Administration

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## A BILL

To amend title 3, United States Code, and the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to establish a single poll closing for Presidential general elections.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represent  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress asse

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the ``Uniform Poll Closin  
5 Act of 2000''.

6 **SEC. 2. SINGLE POLL CLOSING TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL**  
7 **GENERAL ELECTIONS.**

8 Chapter 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amende  
9 by—

1 (1) redesignating section 21 as section 22; and  
2 (2) inserting after section 20 the following new  
3 section:

4 **“SEC. 21. SINGLE POLL CLOSING TIME.**

5 (a) Each polling place in each State shall close,  
6 respect to a Presidential general election, at 9:00 o  
7 post meridiem, eastern standard time. Any person who  
8 as determined under the law of the State involved, arriv  
9 at a polling place after that time shall not be perm  
10 to vote in the Presidential general election.

11 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a polling plac  
12 shall close, with respect to a Presidential general el  
13 as provided by the law of the State involved, in the  
14 of a polling place at which each person who is eligib  
15 vote has voted.

16 (c) Notwithstanding section 1 or any other provis  
17 of law, in the case of the States of Alaska and Hawa  
18 a State may open polling places with respect to a Pre  
19 dential general election during the day preceding the  
20 provided under such section in addition to the day p  
21 vided under such section, so long as the State meets  
22 requirements of subsection (a) with respect to the day  
23 vided under such section.

1       ''(d) As used in this section, the term 'Presiden  
2 general election' means the election for electors of  
3 dent and Vice President.''.  
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5               **SEC. 3. EXTENDED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN PACIFIC**  
6               **TIME ZONE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**  
7               **YEARS.**

8       Section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15  
9 U.S.C. 260a) is amended by adding at the end the fol  
10 lowing new subsection:

11       ''(d)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this se  
12 tion, in each year in which a Presidential general ele  
13 takes place, the period of time during which the stand  
14 time shall be advanced with respect to the Pacific t  
15 zone shall end at 2:00 o'clock ante meridiem on the f  
16 Sunday after the date of that election.

17       ''(2) As used in this subsection, the term 'Pres  
18 dential general election' means the election for elect  
19 President and Vice President.''.  
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21       **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

22       (a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 3, UNITED STATES  
23 CODE.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 3  
24 United States Code, is amended—

25               (1) by redesignating the item relating to section  
26       21 as the item relating to section 22; and

1           (2) by inserting after the item relating to se  
2           tion 20 the following new item:

    ''21. Single poll closing time in continental United States.''

3           (b) AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM TIME ACT OF  
4 1966.—Section 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15  
5 U.S.C. 260a(a)) is amended by striking out ''2 o'clock  
6 antemeridian'' each place it appears and inserting in  
7 thereof ''2:00 o'clock ante meridiem''.

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