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No. 58

An Act respecting Time and making a consequential amendment to another Act

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(Assented to)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Time Act, 2026*.

Definitions

2 In this Act:

“**central standard time**” means UTC-6 hours;

“**First Nation**” means a band as defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada) and includes the council of a band;

“**minister**” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;

“**ministry**” means the ministry over which the minister presides;

“**prescribed**” means prescribed in the regulations;

“**Saskatchewan**” includes the City of Lloydminster;

“**time option area**” means an area prescribed pursuant to section 5 that is adjacent to the Saskatchewan border that follows a time other than central standard time for all or part of the year, with the purpose of following the time observed in a neighbouring jurisdiction;

“**UTC**” means Coordinated Universal Time.

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Act prevails

3(1) Subject to the regulations, this Act applies notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act or regulations, or any order, rule, resolution or bylaw made pursuant to any other Act or regulations, and if there is a conflict between this Act and any other Act or regulations, or any order, rule, resolution or bylaw made pursuant to any other Act or regulations, the provisions of this Act prevail.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), this Act applies to the City of Lloydminster, notwithstanding *The City of Lloydminster Act* or *The Lloydminster Charter*.

Time to be observed in Saskatchewan

4 Subject to section 5, the time to be observed in Saskatchewan is central standard time.

Time option areas

5(1) A time option area may be prescribed if it is in the provincial interest and:

- (a) the minister:
 - (i) receives a written request from all municipalities within the proposed time option area; and
 - (ii) conducts any consultations that the minister considers appropriate, including with any First Nations within the proposed time option area; or
 - (b) the minister initiates and conducts consultations with all municipalities and First Nations within a proposed time option area.
- (2) The time to be observed in a time option area may be UTC-5, UTC-6 or UTC-7 for all or part of the year.
- (3) A regulation that prescribes a time option area must include:
- (a) a geographical description of the area;
 - (b) the time to be observed in accordance with subsection (2);
 - (c) if the time to be observed in the area is in effect for part of the year, the dates between which the time is to be observed; and
 - (d) the first day on which the time must be observed, and that date must be no earlier than 30 days after the date on which the regulation came into force.
- (4) Before a time option area comes into effect, the minister shall cause that information to be made available to the public in any manner that the minister considers appropriate, including by publishing it on the ministry's website.

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Regulations

- 6(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:
- (a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;
 - (b) for the purposes of section 3:
 - (i) respecting the provisions of any other Act or regulations, or any order, rule, resolution or bylaw made pursuant to any other Act or regulations that may prevail over this Act;
 - (ii) exempting any Act or regulations from the application of this Act or the regulations;
 - (c) for the purposes of section 5, respecting a time option area;
 - (d) respecting anything required to deal with the transition from the former *Time Act* to this Act;
 - (e) to remedy any difficulty, inconsistency or impossibility resulting from the transition from the former *Time Act* to this Act;
 - (f) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.
- (2) If there is any conflict between the regulations made pursuant to this section and any other Act or law, the regulations made pursuant to this section prevail.
- (3) A regulation made pursuant to this section may be general or particular in its application and may apply to all or part of the province.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other Act or law, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations, pursuant to the authority of this section, amending regulations made pursuant to any other Act for the following purposes:
- (a) adapting the procedures established in those regulations so that those procedures conform to procedures established in this Act or the regulations made pursuant to this Act;
 - (b) correcting references in those regulations so that those references conform to this Act.
- (5) Any regulations made pursuant to this section may be made retroactive to a day not earlier than the day on which section 1 of this Act comes into force.

RSS 1978, c T-14 repealed

7 *The Time Act* is repealed.

SS 1996, c E-6.01, section 2 amended

8 Subsection 2(4) of *The Election Act, 1996* is amended by striking out “*The Time Act*” and substituting “*The Time Act, 2026*”.

Coming into force

9 This Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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And passed

Honourable Eric Schmalz
