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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 23, 2025

Subject: SB 1 – Establishing standard time as the permanent time for the state and providing for a switch to permanent daylight saving time on if required by federal law.

Senate Bill No. 1 (SB 1) would establish standard time as the permanent time for the state beginning at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of November in 2025. This is the date and time established under federal law for switching back to standard time from daylight saving time. Under SB 1 there would be no change back to daylight saving time in the spring of 2026. During daylight saving time the state of Kansas would remain one hour behind those jurisdictions that observe daylight saving time.

Additionally, SB 1 makes provision for if federal law changes and requires year-round observation of daylight saving time. If such change is enacted in federal law, then the Secretary of State is required to publish a notice of such enactment in the Kansas Register. The state would then begin observing year-round daylight saving time at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of November after publication of the notice.

If enacted, Sections 1 and 2 of SB 1 would become effective on July 1, 2025. Section 3, requiring year-round observation of daylight saving time, would not become effective until publication of the notice required under Section 2.