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## **MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEND A LETTER TO THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP IN SACRAMENTO SUPPORTING AB 385 (CHU) WITH COPIES SENT TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION (ITEM NO. 4, AGENDA OF JULY 5, 2016)**

Item No. 4 on the July 5, 2016 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to the legislative leadership in Sacramento supporting AB 385 (Chu), with copies sent to the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation.

### **Background**

In 1949, California voters passed Proposition 12, the Daylight Saving Time Act, which approved Daylight Saving Time (DST) in the State. The Federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 standardized DST throughout the United States and grants an exemption to states opting to maintain standard time year-round. DST is not observed in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and most of Arizona. The purpose of DST is to make the best use of daylight hours by shifting the clock forward in the spring and backward in the fall. The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that DST saves energy because the sun sets one hour later in the evening; therefore, the need to use electricity for household lighting and appliances is reduced.

**AB 385 (Chu)**, which as amended on May 9, 2016, would place a question before the voters regarding whether to keep DST, as it currently exists, or to switch to year-round standard time. Existing law provides that ballot measures approved by the Legislature

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and signed by the Governor must be placed on the ballot by the Secretary of State 131 days before a statewide election, unless the measure includes an exception. The current deadline to place statewide ballot measures on the November 8, 2016 Statewide General Election ballot is June 30, 2016. AB 385 does not include an exception waiving the 131-day requirement. Therefore, the next statewide ballot on which AB 385 could be placed is the June 5, 2018 Statewide Primary Election ballot.

AB 385 is supported by one individual. There is no opposition on file. This measure is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 1, 2016.

### **Conclusion**

**There is no existing Board policy to support legislation which would place a question before the voters regarding whether to maintain Daylight Saving Time or to switch to year round standard time; therefore, support for AB 385 is a matter for Board policy determination.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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