

Sakhalin Votes to Lose Hour

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Sakhalin's legislature on Thursday approved a petition to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to move the region an hour closer to Moscow time, which is six hours ahead.

The petition followed a recommendation from President Dmitry Medvedev last fall for distant regions to set their clocks closer to Moscow time.

Sakhalin Island will lose an hour in the spring by not implementing daylight savings time if Putin approves the petition, which will be forwarded to him shortly, RIA-Novosti reported.

Local lawmakers also want to Putin to end daylight savings time nationwide, saying people dislike it and it ruins people's health.

The Primorye and Irkutsk regions approved similar plans Wednesday to move an hour closer to Moscow. ☒

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