

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2035

BY: COTNER of the HOUSE

and

BROWN of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS; CREATING THE OKLAHOMA CENSUS FULL COUNT
2000 SELECT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND
APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING FOR VACANCIES; PROVIDING FOR
OFFICERS; DEFINING A QUORUM; PROVIDING FOR TRAVEL
REIMBURSEMENT; PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES;
PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS; PROVIDING TIME PERIODS;
PROVIDING FOR CALLING OF FIRST MEETING; PROVIDING
CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIRING CERTAIN
RESPONSE AND NOTIFICATION BY SUBSTATE PLANNING
DISTRICTS; REQUIRING CERTAIN REPORT; PROVIDING FOR
CODIFICATION; REPEALING SECTION 1 OF ACT; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1.1 of Title 14, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Census Full Count
2000 Select Committee" hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
The Committee shall consist of sixteen (16) members as follows:

- a. eleven mayors. Each substate planning district shall
be authorized to make one appointment,

- b. one legislative member from the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
- c. one legislative member from the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
- d. three members representing ethnic or language minority groups within the state to be appointed by the Governor.

2. The Committee shall select a chairman and vice-chairman and such other officers as the members of the Committee deem necessary. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Committee.

3. All nonlegislative and municipal members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as members of the Committee, by the appointing authority, pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members shall be reimbursed by the body from which they serve.

4. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the authority by whom appointed.

5. The staff for the Committee shall be provided by the State Data Center of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

B. In order to assure a full count of the population of Oklahoma for the 2000 decennial census, the duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be to:

- 1. Establish a set of goals and the steps to be taken each year so that Oklahoma will achieve a full count for the 2000 census;
- 2. Establish a coordination system or structure through substate planning districts and local governments to:

- a. carry out and evaluate the state's full-count efforts at a local level,
- b. set a framework for state participation in the programs of the United States Census Bureau for improving both the state's housing unit database and counting methodology,
- c. explain the importance of a full count to the people of Oklahoma through public announcements and publications, and
- d. assist in full count efforts for the 2000 census as necessary and required;

3. Review and implement, as advisable and feasible, the 1992 written recommendations of the Oklahoma Census Full Count 2000 Select Committee;

4. Make annual recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding any matters necessary for reaching the goals and determining the progress being made toward reaching the goal of full count for the 2000 census; and

5. Request through the State Department of Commerce a budget for adequately funding the duties and efforts required pursuant to this section.

C. Each substate planning district shall be responsible for notification and monitoring of the Committee's program for all incorporated cities and towns as well as all rural areas within their respective districts.

D. Each substate planning district shall assist its appointed committee member in establishing an active regional full-count organization.

E. The State Data Center shall call the first meeting no later than July 1, 1997, and the Committee shall establish a schedule for a minimum of four (4) meetings per year.

F. The appointing authorities shall make their official appointments to the Committee by March 1, 1997, and shall notify the State Data Center of the person so appointed.

G. The Committee shall submit a final report of its activities to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than June 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. REPEALER Section 1 of this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

President of the Senate