

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2211

By: Roberts

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to congressional and legislative districts; amending Section 1, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 1992 (14 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Census Full Count 2000 Select Committee; modifying meeting schedule requirement; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 1992 (14 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1.1 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~~ meet thereafter at the call of the chair, with a minimum of four (4) meetings ~~one (1) meeting~~ 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. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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