

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 146 of Title 14, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created the "2030 Census Complete Count
5 Committee" hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

6 B. The Committee shall consist of sixteen (16) members as
7 follows:

8 1. One legislative member from the Oklahoma State Senate
9 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10 2. One legislative member from the Oklahoma House of
11 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives;

13 3. One legislative member from the Oklahoma State Senate
14 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

15 4. One legislative member from the Oklahoma House of
16 Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 5. Six members representing state and local governments
19 reflecting the geographic diversity of the state. Two members will
20 be appointed by the Governor, two members will be appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives and two members will be
22 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

23 6. Three members representing nonprofit and private
24 organizations, one each appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of

1 the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
2 Senate; and

3 7. Three members representing ethnic or language minority
4 groups, one each appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

6 C. The Committee shall select a chair and vice-chair and such
7 other officers as the members of the Committee deem necessary. A
8 majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum
9 to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the
10 remaining members to perform the duties and responsibilities of the
11 Committee.

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

17 E. The members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective
18 appointing authority.

19 F. The staff for the Committee shall be provided by the State
20 Data Center of the Legislative Services Bureau.

21 G. The Committee is charged with developing and implementing a
22 census outreach, promotion, recruiting, and enumeration assistance
23 plan of action designed to assure a full count of the population of
24 Oklahoma for the 2030 Decennial Census. The census outreach

1 strategy shall include, but not be limited to, state agency
2 initiatives to encourage participation in the 2030 Census, the
3 establishment and support of school-based outreach programs,
4 partnerships with nonprofit community-based organizations, and a
5 multilingual, multimedia campaign designed to ensure an accurate and
6 complete count of the state's population. To assist in carrying out
7 its duties, the Committee may create and appoint subcommittees as it
8 deems appropriate and shall solicit participation from relevant
9 experts and practitioners involved in census issues.

10 H. Additional duties and responsibilities of the Committee
11 shall be to:

12 1. Establish a set of goals and the steps to be taken each year
13 so that Oklahoma will achieve a full count for the 2030 Census,
14 including implementing strategies to reach hard-to-count populations
15 and hard-to-enumerate areas;

16 2. Set a framework for state participation in the programs of
17 the U.S. Census Bureau for improving both the state's housing unit
18 database and counting methodology;

19 3. Explain the importance of a full count to the people of
20 Oklahoma through public announcements and publications;

21 4. Increase the self-response rate for households responding
22 online, by phone, or mailing back their questionnaire through a
23 focused, structured, neighbor-to-neighbor program;

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1 5. Utilize the local knowledge, expertise, and influence of
2 each Committee member to design and implement a census awareness
3 campaign targeted to the community;

4 6. Review and implement, as feasible, the written
5 recommendations of the Oklahoma Census 2020 Complete Count
6 Committee; and

7 7. Make annual recommendations to the Legislature and the
8 Governor regarding any matters necessary for reaching the goals and
9 accomplishing the goal of a full count for the 2030 Census.

10 I. The State Data Center shall call the first meeting no later
11 than July 1, 2027, and the Committee shall meet thereafter at the
12 call of the chair, with a minimum of one meeting per year.

13 J. The appointing authorities shall make their official
14 appointments to the Committee by March 1, 2027, and shall notify the
15 State Data Center of the person so appointed.

16 K. The Committee shall submit a final report of its activities
17 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
18 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than June 1, 2030.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated
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