

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3620

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the 2030 census; creating the 2030  
8 Census Complete Count Committee; providing the  
9 membership of the Committee; directing the Committee  
10 to select a chair and vice-chair; clarifying that a  
11 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum;  
12 providing process for members to be reimbursed for  
13 travel expenses; stipulating that members shall serve  
14 at the pleasure of their respective appointing  
15 authority; directing for staff to be provided by the  
16 State Data Center; directing the Committee to develop  
17 and implement a census outreach, promotion,  
18 recruiting, and enumeration assistance plan;  
19 permitting the creation of subcommittees; providing  
20 additional duties and responsibilities of the  
21 Committee; requiring the first meeting to be called  
22 by certain date; requiring appointments by certain  
23 date; directing the Committee to submit a final  
24 report; providing for codification; 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 146 of Title 14, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1       B. The Committee shall consist of sixteen (16) members as  
2 follows:

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

5       2. One legislative member from the Oklahoma House of  
6 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives;

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

10      4. One legislative member from the Oklahoma House of  
11 Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13      5. Six members representing state and local governments  
14 reflecting the geographic diversity of the state. Two members will  
15 be appointed by the Governor, two members will be appointed by the  
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives and two members will be  
17 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

18      6. Three members representing nonprofit and private  
19 organizations, one each appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of  
20 the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the  
21 Senate; and

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

1 C. The Committee shall select a chair and vice-chair and such  
2 other officers as the members of the Committee deem necessary. A  
3 majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum  
4 to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the  
5 remaining members to perform the duties and responsibilities of the  
6 Committee.

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

12 E. The members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective  
13 appointing authority.

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

16 G. The Committee is charged with developing and implementing a  
17 census outreach, promotion, recruiting, and enumeration assistance  
18 plan of action designed to assure a full count of the population of  
19 Oklahoma for the 2030 Decennial Census. The census outreach  
20 strategy shall include, but not be limited to, state agency  
21 initiatives to encourage participation in the 2030 Census, the  
22 establishment and support of school-based outreach programs,  
23 partnerships with nonprofit community-based organizations, and a  
24 multilingual, multimedia campaign designed to ensure an accurate and

complete count of the state's population. To assist in carrying out its duties, the Committee may create and appoint subcommittees as it deems appropriate and shall solicit participation from relevant experts and practitioners involved in census issues.

H. Additional 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 2030 Census, including implementing strategies to reach hard-to-count populations and hard-to-enumerate areas;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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