

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3621

By: Lawson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; creating the Oklahoma State Data Center; establishing the Center is subject to administrative direction of the Legislative Service Bureau; providing purpose and responsibilities of Center; 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 466 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma State Data Center, which shall be subject to the administrative direction of the Legislative Service Bureau. The Oklahoma State Data Center shall be the primary center for applied population research for the State of Oklahoma, the official contact with the United States Census Bureau, and the originator and official conductor of all special censuses for the State of Oklahoma.

B. The responsibilities of the State Data Center are:

1        1. To prepare, maintain, and interpret population statistics,  
2 estimates, and projections, including distributions of the state's  
3 population into political subdivisions, ethnic groups, and racial  
4 populations;

5        2. To cooperate with and give assistance to other state  
6 agencies and organizations in the preparation, maintenance, and  
7 interpretation of demographic information;

8        3. To prepare an annual report on the state of the state's  
9 population for submission to the Governor and the Legislature, with  
10 some policy implications of the state's population trends;

11       4. To provide technical assistance to the Legislature for  
12 purposes of reapportionment and redistricting districts, wards, and  
13 other electoral divisions of the state and its political  
14 subdivisions;

15       5. To assist the Legislature and its committees by providing  
16 demographic data necessary for their activities;

17       6. To enforce the provisions of the Oklahoma State Government  
18 Geographic Information One-Stop Initiative, created in Section  
19 34.11.5 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to maintain a single  
20 state clearinghouse for Geographic Information System (GIS) data;

21       7. To oversee and staff the 2030 Census Complete Count  
22 Committee;

1        8. To enforce the provisions of subsection E of Section 2840 of  
2 Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes in order to facilitate the state's  
3 participation in the Local Update of Census Addresses program;

4        9. To coordinate with the nonpartisan liaisons for the Census  
5 Bureau Redistricting Data Program (RDO) to ensure participation in  
6 all phases of the RDO program;

7        10. To coordinate with the state designee for the Census Bureau  
8 Boundary and Annexation Survey to ensure alignment of jurisdictional  
9 boundaries between state and federal government boundary databases;

10       11. To coordinate with the state designee for the School  
11 District Review Program to assist in the review of school district  
12 boundaries, codes, names, levels, and grade ranges, which are  
13 critical to the state's allocation of federal education funding;

14       12. To work with state, local, and tribal stakeholders to  
15 review and modify select statistical boundaries under the Census  
16 Bureau Participant Statistical Areas Program; and

17       13. To establish an affiliate network of state, local, tribal,  
18 nonprofit, and business leaders to share and promote data products,  
19 releases, events, training, and other resources provided by the  
20 Census Bureau.

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

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