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S.B. No. 197

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a prohibition on state officers or employees who are not
3 United States citizens representing the state in matters concerning
4 certain foreign governments.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 651.010 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 651.010. REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE BY CERTAIN
9 FOREIGN CITIZENS. (a) This section applies only to a state
10 officer or employee with policy-making responsibility or broad
11 discretion in the execution of public policy.

12 (b) A state officer or employee who is not a citizen of the
13 United States may not in the course of conducting state business
14 represent the state in matters concerning the government of a
15 country of which the officer or employee is a citizen.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.