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S.B. No. 1803

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing an office of state statistician.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. OFFICE OF STATE STATISTICIAN

Sec. 88.821. STATE STATISTICIAN. (a) The head of the Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University, in consultation with the dean of the College of Science at the university, shall establish the office of state statistician within the department and shall designate a member of the faculty or staff of the department as the state statistician.

(b) In addition to the duties assigned by the Department of Statistics or the university to the office of state statistician, the office may conduct statistical analysis and research on request for public and private entities. The office may:

(1) charge and collect fees for services provided to any person in amounts sufficient to recover the costs of providing those services; or

(2) provide services under a contract that provides for a recovery of those costs.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.