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H.B. No. 254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restricting illegal immigrants to certain geographic regions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 421, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 421.902 to read as follows:

Sec. 421.902. RESTRICTION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Illegal immigrant" means an individual who is not a citizen or a national of the United States and who has entered the United States without inspection and authorization by an immigration officer.

(2) "Sanctuary city" means a municipality that adopts a resolution declaring that the municipality does not discriminate or deny municipal services on the basis of a person's immigration status and that all persons are treated equally regardless of immigration status.

(b) All illegal immigrants residing in this state shall reside in a sanctuary city.

(c) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall:

(1) disseminate information in English and in Spanish to the general public regarding the requirements of this section; and

1           (2) adopt procedures to implement and administer this  
2 subsection.

3           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.