

AN ACT

relating to provision of bilingual election materials.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.010, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In conjunction with the certification required under Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language certified statewide or in a specific county by the director of the census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

SECTION 2. Section 161.008, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In conjunction with the certification required under Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language certified statewide or in a specific county by the director of the census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

SECTION 3. Section 192.033, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In conjunction with the certification required under Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language certified statewide or in a specific county by the director of the census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

1 SECTION 4. Section 274.003, Election Code, is amended by
2 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) In conjunction with the certification required under
4 Subsection (a), the secretary of state shall include appropriate
5 ballot translation language, as applicable, for each language
6 certified statewide or for a specific county by the director of the
7 census under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a.

8 SECTION 5. Chapter 272, Election Code, is amended by adding
9 Section 272.011 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 272.011. BILINGUAL ELECTION MATERIALS REQUIRED IN
11 CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) If the director of the census
12 determines under 42 U.S.C. Section 1973aa-1a that a political
13 subdivision must provide election materials in a language other
14 than English or Spanish, the political subdivision shall provide
15 election materials in that language in the same manner in which the
16 political subdivision would be required to provide materials in
17 Spanish under this chapter, to the extent applicable.

18 (b) The secretary of state shall prepare the translation for
19 election materials required to be provided in a language other than
20 English or Spanish for the following state prescribed voter forms:

21 (1) voter registration application form required by
22 Section 13.002;

23 (2) the confirmation form required by Section 15.051;

24 (3) the voting instruction poster required by Section
25 62.011;

26 (4) the statement of residence form required by
27 Section 63.0011;

1 (5) the provisional ballot affidavit required by
2 Section 63.011;

3 (6) the application for a ballot by mail required by
4 Section 84.011;

5 (7) the carrier envelope and voting instructions
6 required by Section 86.013; and

7 (8) any other voter forms that the secretary of state
8 identifies as frequently used and for which state resources are
9 otherwise available.

10 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2477 was passed by the House on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2477 on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2477 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor