

1-1 By: Strama, Anchia (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 3255
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 4, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 9, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 9, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the creation of guidelines for the Office of the State
1-9 Demographer to encourage the inclusion of a broad variety of
1-10 racial/ethnic groups in estimates and projections.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 468.004, Government Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 468.004. POWERS AND DUTIES. The state demographer
1-15 shall:

1-16 (1) disseminate demographic and related socioeconomic
1-17 data to the public, with emphasis on data that may be useful to
1-18 public policymakers;

1-19 (2) provide annual population estimates for all
1-20 counties and municipalities in the state;

1-21 (3) provide biennial population projections for the
1-22 state and all counties of the state;

1-23 (4) adhere to current standards of practice when
1-24 determining which racial/ethnic groups to include in estimates and
1-25 projections;

1-26 (5) provide information by request which justifies the
1-27 omission of any particular racial/ethnic group from estimates and
1-28 projections, including limitations of data and methodology;

1-29 (6) [~~4~~] provide information to the legislature
1-30 relating to the impact that demographic and socioeconomic changes
1-31 in the population of the state have on the demand for state
1-32 services; and

1-33 (7) [~~5~~] evaluate the type and quality of data needed
1-34 to:

1-35 (A) adequately monitor demographic and
1-36 socioeconomic changes in the population of the state; and

1-37 (B) assess the effectiveness of delivery of state
1-38 services.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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