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H.B. No. 4208

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating English as the official language of this state.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3101. STATE SYMBOLS AND LANGUAGE

SECTION 2. Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended by designating Sections 3101.001 through 3101.012 as Subchapter A and adding a subchapter heading to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. STATE SYMBOLS

SECTION 3. Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Sec. 3101.051. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. The English language is designated as the official language of this state.

Sec. 3101.052. TRANSLATION OR EXPLANATION OF OFFICIAL STATE DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, AND WEBSITE CONTENT. An unofficial and nonbinding translation or explanation of an official state document, written material, or website content may be provided or published separately in a language other than the official language of this state only if the translation or explanation:

(1) is made and distributed without cost to this state;

1 (2) is appropriately labeled as unofficial and
2 nonbinding; and

3 (3) states the actions required to obtain or view the
4 official state document, written material, or website content.

5 SECTION 4. Section [2054.116](#), Government Code, is repealed.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.