By:  Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2025

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2021; May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 24, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Huffman           X

Hinojosa             X

Creighton            X

Hughes               X

Johnson              X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2025 By:  Huffman

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain statutes and governmental actions that relate to the federal census.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2058.001(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A governmental entity shall recognize and act on a published report or count relating to a federal decennial census and released by the director of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce on the later of:

(1)  [~~on~~] September 1 of the year after the calendar year during which the census was taken [~~if the report or count is published on or before that date~~]; or

(2)  [~~on~~] the first day of the first calendar month occurring after the 150th day after the date of the [~~its~~] publication of the report or count [~~if the report or count is published after September 1 of the year after the calendar year during which the census was taken~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 2058.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c)  Nothing in this chapter prohibits the legislature from acting on published reports and counts described by Section 2058.001(b) and relating to the 2020 federal decennial census, regardless of the date the reports or counts are published.

(d)  Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioners court of a county may act on published reports or counts described by Section 2058.001(b) and relating to the 2020 federal decennial census, and any information provided by the state relating to redistricting based on those reports or counts, in carrying out the commissioners court's duties under Chapter 42, Election Code, with respect to establishing or changing election precincts, regardless of the date the reports or counts are published or the information is provided or any required period for those duties as provided by law.

(e)  This subsection and Subsections (c) and (d) expire September 1, 2023.

SECTION 3.  Chapter 2058, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2058.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 2058.0021.  APPLICABILITY OF 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS; TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) Except as expressly provided by other law and notwithstanding the definition of "population" in Sections 311.005 and 312.011, a statute that applies to a political subdivision having a certain population according to the most recent federal census:

(1)  continues to apply to the same political subdivisions to which the statute applied under the 2010 federal census, regardless of whether the political subdivisions continue to have the population prescribed by the statute according to the 2020 federal census; and

(2)  does not apply to a political subdivision to which the statute did not apply under the 2010 federal census, regardless of whether the political subdivision has the population prescribed by the statute according to the 2020 federal census.

(b)  This section expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 4.  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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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