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S.B. No. 1469

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the feasibility of this state conducting a census of the residents of this state.

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

SECTION 1. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF STATE CENSUS. (a) The state demographer under Chapter 468, Government Code, shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of this state conducting a census to more accurately determine the population of the residents of this state. The study must:

(1) consider the costs, benefits, and challenges of this state conducting a census; and

(2) identify policy areas where access to more detailed demographic information may reduce state spending, including spending through appropriations.

(b) In conducting the study under this section, the state demographer shall assume that the state census being studied will include a census question asking each resident of this state whether the resident is a United States citizen.

SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than July 1, 2026, the state demographer shall prepare and submit to the legislature a report on the results of the study conducted under Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.