

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2648

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Federal Census; enacting the
8 Oklahoma Complete Count Commission Act of 2019;
9 defining terms; creating the Oklahoma 2020 Complete
10 Count Commission of the Oklahoma Legislature;
11 stating purpose; providing for composition of the
12 Commission; providing for organization of the
13 Commission; providing for duties of the Commission;
14 repealing 14 O.S. 2011, Section 1.1, which relates
15 to the Oklahoma Census Full Count 2000 Select
16 Committee; providing for codification; providing an
17 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1.2 of Title 14, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the
"Oklahoma Complete Count Commission Act of 2019".

B. As used in the Oklahoma Complete Count Commission Act of
2019:

1. "2020 Census" means the decennial census conducted by the
federal U.S. Census Bureau in the year 2020 to determine the number

1 of people living in the United States for purposes of apportionment
2 of representatives in the House of Representatives;

3 2. "Commission" means the Oklahoma 2020 Census Complete Count
4 Commission of the Oklahoma Legislature; and

5 3. "Hard-to-count" means population groups with increased risk
6 of being undercounted in the 2020 Census, and includes:

- 7 a. young children,
- 8 b. racial and ethnic minorities,
- 9 c. individuals who do not speak fluent English,
- 10 d. households below the poverty line,
- 11 e. homeless individuals,
- 12 f. foreign-born residents,
- 13 g. individuals who frequently move residences,
- 14 h. individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,
- 15 transgender, or questioning, and
- 16 i. individuals who may be distrustful of government
17 authorities.

18 C. There is created the Oklahoma 2020 Complete Count
19 Commission of the Oklahoma Legislature. The purpose of the
20 Commission is to ensure the fair and accurate counting of hard-to-
21 count individuals residing in this state and local jurisdictions
22 for the 2020 Census. The Commission shall consist of seventeen
23 (17) members as follows:
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- 1 1. Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the President
2 Pro Tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader
3 of the Senate;
- 4 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, one appointed
5 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by
6 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 7 3. One member appointed by the Governor to work in close
8 liaison with state agencies;
- 9 4. The Secretary of Education, or a designee;
- 10 5. The Secretary of Transportation, or a designee;
- 11 6. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, or a designee;
- 12 7. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, or a
13 designee;
- 14 8. The Commissioner of Labor, or a designee;
- 15 9. The Oklahoma Native American Liaison, or a designee;
- 16 10. One individual representing municipal governments,
17 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 18 11. One individual representing county governments, appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 20 12. One member from an organization representing the interests
21 of senior citizens in this state, appointed by the Speaker of the
22 House of Representatives;
- 23 13. One individual representing the small businesses,
24 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

1 14. One individual representing minority business interests,
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

3 15. One individual representing the faith community appointed
4 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

5 D. All appointments to the Commission shall be made by August
6 1, 2019. Vacancies in the membership of the Commission shall be
7 filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.
8 Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and
9 shall not be entitled to travel reimbursement.

10 E. The Commission shall organize by September 1, 2019. A
11 designee from the membership of the Commission shall be jointly
12 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
13 Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve as Chair of the
14 Commission. The Commission shall select a vice chair from among
15 its members. The Commission may also appoint a secretary from
16 among its members. The Commission shall meet at the call of the
17 chair, or upon the request of any thirteen (13) members of the
18 Commission, but shall meet at least quarterly. A majority of the
19 members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The
20 Commission may establish subcommittees.

21 F. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
22 provide office space for the Commission. The Senate and House of
23 Representative shall provide staff services necessary to support
24 the functions of the Commission. The Commission shall be entitled

1 to assistance and avail from any other state department, board,
2 bureau, commission or agency, as it may require.

3 G. The Commission shall:

4 1. Identify state agencies able to support the mission of the
5 Commission;

6 2. In coordination with appropriate state agencies, develop and
7 implement a plan to ensure the fair and accurate counting of hard-
8 to-count individuals in the 2020 Census;

9 3. Utilizing the knowledge and expertise of each Commission
10 member, design and implement a campaign promoting awareness of the
11 2020 Census;

12 4. Create a public website to share information about the 2020
13 Census, the Commission, hard-to-count communities, and any other
14 information the Commission determines appropriate to serve the
15 purpose of the Commission;

16 5. Develop and facilitate statewide coordination to increase
17 the 2020 Census response rate for residents of this state through an
18 inclusive, focused and structured plan;

19 6. Carry out and evaluate the state's complete-count efforts at
20 the local level;

21 7. Utilize the assistance of substate planning districts to
22 establish and monitor regional complete-count programs;

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1 8. Develop and implement a plan to reach hard-to-count
2 individuals to ensure the fair and accurate counting of these
3 individuals for the 2020 Census;

4 9. Submit an interim report by December 15, 2019, of the
5 progress of the Commission. The report shall be submitted to the
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives; and

8 10. Submit a final report outlining the implementation of the
9 plan required by paragraph 8 of this subsection by January 6, 2020,
10 to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
11 House of Representatives.

12 SECTION 2. REPEALER 14 O.S. 2011, Section 1.1, is hereby
13 repealed.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

15 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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