

CHAPTER 529

S.B. No. 729

AN ACT

relating to designation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station as administrator of the United States Bureau of the Census federal-state cooperative programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 88.214 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.214. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS FEDERAL-STATE COOPERATIVE. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station shall serve as the official cognizant administrator for the State of Texas of the United States Bureau of the Census federal-state cooperative program for population estimates and the federal-state cooperative program for population projections and as coordinating agency for the State Data Center program.

SECTION 2. Section 481.182, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 481.182. DUTIES. The department shall:

(1) establish and maintain a central depository of information, including computer retrievable files, concerning the significant characteristics of the state and its people, economy, land, and physical characteristics, including information concerning employment opportunities in the state;

(2) analyze the information collected under Subdivision (1) as well as other information and disseminate the information and analyses to state, federal, and local agencies and the public;

(3) ~~serve as the official cognizant administrator of the United States Bureau of the Census federal state cooperative;~~

[(4)] collect information and compile data on the border region for the preparation of specific plans and programs for the border region;

(4) [(5)] adopt procedures to ensure the greatest use by and exchange among state agencies of data bases and statistical and analytical models created by or belonging to the state;

(5) [(6)] assist institutions of elementary, secondary, and higher education to develop and expand programs of education in international commerce, geography, and language;

(6) [(7)] establish and operate a comprehensive clearinghouse of information relating to small businesses; and

(7) [(8)] develop and maintain a master file of information on small business assistance programs provided by federal, state, and local agencies, educational institutions, chambers of commerce, civic organizations, community development groups, private industry associations, and other organizations and provide comprehensive, timely information to persons seeking that information.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 5, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1993: Yeas 132, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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