

CHAPTER 131

S.B. No. 777

AN ACT

relating to statutory construction.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 311, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 311.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 311.006. INTERNAL REFERENCES. In a code:

(1) a reference to a title, chapter, or section without further identification is a reference to a title, chapter, or section of the code; and

(2) a reference to a subtitle, subchapter, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, or other numbered or lettered unit without further identification is a reference to a unit of the next larger unit of the code in which the reference appears.

SECTION 2. Section 311.027, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 311.027. STATUTORY REFERENCES. Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to any portion of a statute or rule applies to all reenactments, revisions, or amendments of the statute or rule.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 312, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 312.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 312.008. STATUTORY REFERENCES. Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to any portion of a statute, rule, or regulation applies to all reenactments, revisions, or amendments of the statute, rule, or regulation.

SECTION 4. Section 312.011, Government Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (12) and adding Subdivision (20) to read as follows:

(12) "Preceding federal census" or "most recent federal census" means the United States decennial census immediately preceding the action in question.

(20) "Population" means the population shown by the most recent federal decennial census.

SECTION 5. 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; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 4, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on April 30, 1993: Yeas 128, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 11, 1993.

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