
DIGEST

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HB 99 Original

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Jackson

Abstract: Creates the La. Complete Count Committee for Census 2020 and provides for its membership, functions, and duties.

Proposed law creates the La. Complete Count Committee for Census 2020 (committee) in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of advising the legislature and the governor of methods to promote and encourage awareness of the 2020 federal decennial census and to inform the citizens of the importance of being counted in the 2020 federal decennial census.

Provides that the committee shall be composed as follows:

- (1) Two members selected by the La. Municipal Assoc.
- (2) Two members selected by the La. School Boards Assoc.
- (3) Two members selected by the Police Jury Assoc. of La.
- (4) Three members selected by the speaker of the House, who shall be selected in a manner which reflects the demographic diversity of the House specifically in gender, race, and political party affiliation.
- (5) Three members selected by the president of the Senate, who shall be selected in a manner which reflects the demographic diversity of the Senate specifically in gender, race, and political party affiliation.
- (6) One member selected by the governor.
- (7) The executive director of the La. Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (8) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (9) The state librarian or his designee.
- (10) One member selected by the Bd. of Regents.
- (11) One member selected by the commissioner of administration from the State Census Data Center in the division of administration.
- (12) One member selected by the La. Press Assoc.
- (13) One member selected by the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless.
- (14) One member selected by UNITY of Greater New Orleans.
- (15) One member selected by the La. AFL-CIO.
- (16) One member selected by the La. Assoc. of Business and Industry.
- (17) One member selected by the Urban League of La.

Proposed law specifies that members selected by the speaker of the House or the president of the Senate or any person who serves by virtue of his position shall not be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Proposed law requires the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate to call the first meeting of the committee no later than Nov. 1, 2018, at which the members of the committee shall elect from their number a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, and such other officers as they may deem appropriate. A member designated by the speaker of the House shall preside over the first meeting until the officers of the committee are elected. Specifies that the members shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which a member may be individually entitled as a member of his appointing organization.

Proposed law provides that committee shall:

- (1) Advise the legislature and the governor on methods to improve the response of the citizens of this state to the 2020 federal decennial census.
- (2) Upon the direction of the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate, cooperate and confer with the U.S. Census Bureau on methods to improve the 2020 federal decennial census.
- (3) Advise and supply information to civic groups and private persons and organizations regarding the 2020 federal decennial census, as it deems appropriate.
- (4) Provide information to officials of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of state and local government and to the public, in order to foster public awareness and understanding of the importance of an accurate count of the citizens of this state for the 2020 federal decennial census.
- (5) Solicit the assistance and active cooperation of private sector organizations in the promotion of awareness and understanding of the 2020 federal decennial census.
- (6) Supply 2020 federal decennial census information and forms to all state agencies and public libraries for display in prominent locations and to any individual, group, or agency upon request.
- (7) Upon the direction of the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate, advise and offer assistance, to the extent possible, to any parish or municipality in obtaining an accurate count and, if necessary, recount of its citizens by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Proposed law requires all state and local agencies and officials to cooperate with the committee in carrying out its purposes and provides that the House and the Senate shall provide staff assistance to the committee, as deemed necessary by the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate, respectively.

Proposed law repeals the provisions of proposed law effective January 1, 2022.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; except repeal of proposed law which is effective January 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 18:1907; Repeals R.S. 18:1907)