

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

CENSUS: Provides for the Louisiana Complete Count Committee

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1907 and to repeal R.S. 18:1907, relative to census data; to create the  
3 Louisiana Complete Count Committee for Census 2020; to provide for the members,  
4 powers, and duties of the committee; to remove such provisions; to provide for  
5 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1907 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1907. Louisiana Complete Count Committee for Census 2020; creation,  
9 composition, and powers

10 A. The Louisiana Complete Count Committee for Census 2020, hereinafter  
11 in this Section referred to as the "committee", is hereby created in the legislative  
12 branch of state government.

13 B. The committee is established for the primary purpose of advising the  
14 legislature and the governor of methods to promote and encourage awareness of the  
15 2020 federal decennial census and to inform the citizens of the importance of being  
16 counted in the 2020 federal decennial census.

17 C.(1) The committee shall be composed as follows:

18 (a) Two members selected by the Louisiana Municipal Association.

19 (b) Two members selected by the Louisiana School Boards Association.

20 (c) Two members selected by the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

1           (d) Three members selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
2           who shall be selected in a manner which reflects the demographic diversity of the  
3           House of Representatives specifically in gender, race, and political party affiliation.

4           (e) Three members selected by the president of the Senate, who shall be  
5           selected in a manner which reflects the demographic diversity of the Senate  
6           specifically in gender, race, and political party affiliation.

7           (f) One member selected by the governor.

8           (g) The executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his  
9           designee.

10          (h) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services or his  
11          designee.

12          (i) The state librarian or his designee.

13          (j) One member selected by the Board of Regents.

14          (k) One member selected by the commissioner of administration from the  
15          State Census Data Center in the division of administration.

16          (l) One member selected by the Louisiana Press Association.

17          (m) One member selected by the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless.

18          (n) One member selected by UNITY of Greater New Orleans.

19          (o) One member selected by the Louisiana AFL-CIO.

20          (p) One member selected by the Louisiana Association of Business and  
21          Industry.

22          (q) One member selected by the Urban League of Louisiana.

23          (r) One member selected by the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters.

24          (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including  
25          R.S. 24:14, no member selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives or  
26          by the president of the Senate or who serves by virtue of his position shall be subject  
27          to confirmation by the Senate.

28          (3) No later than November 1, 2018, the speaker of the House of  
29          Representatives and the president of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the

1 committee at which the members of the committee shall elect from their number a  
2 chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, and such other officers as they may deem  
3 appropriate. A member designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives  
4 shall preside over the first meeting until the officers of the committee are elected.

5 (4) The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except  
6 per diem or expense reimbursement to which a member may be individually entitled  
7 as a member of his appointing organization.

8 D. The committee shall advise the legislature and the governor on methods  
9 to improve the response of the citizens of this state to the 2020 federal decennial  
10 census.

11 E. Upon the direction of the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
12 president of the Senate, the committee shall cooperate and confer with the United  
13 States Census Bureau on methods to improve the 2020 federal decennial census.

14 F. The committee shall advise and supply information to civic groups and  
15 private persons and organizations regarding the 2020 federal decennial census, as it  
16 deems appropriate.

17 G. The committee shall provide information to officials of departments,  
18 agencies, and instrumentalities of state and local government and to the public in  
19 order to foster public awareness and understanding of the importance of an accurate  
20 count of the citizens of this state for the 2020 federal decennial census.

21 H. The committee shall solicit the assistance and active cooperation of  
22 industry and private civic organizations in the promotion of awareness and  
23 understanding of the 2020 federal decennial census.

24 I. The committee shall supply 2020 federal decennial census information and  
25 forms to all state agencies and public libraries for display in prominent locations and  
26 shall supply 2020 federal decennial census information and forms to any individual,  
27 group, or agency upon request.

28 J. Upon the direction of the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
29 president of the Senate, the committee shall advise and offer assistance, to the extent

1       possible, to any parish or municipality in obtaining an accurate count and, if  
2       necessary, recount of its citizens by the United States Census Bureau.

3               K. All state and local agencies and officials shall cooperate with the  
4       committee in carrying out the purposes of this Section.

5               L. The House of Representatives and the Senate shall provide staff assistance  
6       to the committee, as deemed necessary by the speaker of the House of  
7       Representatives and the president of the Senate, respectively.

8       Section 2. R.S. 18:1907 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

9       Section 3.(A) This Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon  
10      signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of  
11      the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article  
12      III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and  
13      subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become  
14      effective on the day following such approval.

15           (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 99 Engrossed

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**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 concerning 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.
- (18) One member selected by the La. Assoc. of Broadcasters.

Proposed law specifies that members selected by the speaker of the House or the president of the Senate and 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 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 the repeal of proposed law which is effective January 1, 2022.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add to the membership of the committee one member selected by the La. Assoc. of Broadcasters.