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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to create the Complete Count
- 2 Commission; to provide powers and duties; and to require reports.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Complete Count Commission is created. The
2 commission shall consist of the following members:

3 (a) The Speaker of the Legislature, or his or her designee, as a
4 nonvoting, ex officio member;

5 (b) The Governor or his or her designee;

6 (c) The Secretary of State or his or her designee;

7 (d) Seven individuals representing political subdivisions,
8 reflecting the geographic diversity of the state, including a
9 representative of a city of the metropolitan class and a representative
10 of a city of the primary class, appointed by the Secretary of State;

11 (e) Five individuals representing school districts, reflecting the
12 geographic diversity of the state, appointed by the State Board of
13 Education;

14 (f) One representative each from four different organizations
15 representing the interests of minorities in the state, appointed by the
16 Secretary of State;

17 (g) One representative each from three different organizations
18 representing the interests of business in the state, including one
19 organization representing minority business interests, appointed by the
20 Governor; and

21 (h) One representative of the lead agency of the Nebraska State Data
22 Center appointed by the Governor.

23 (2) Each appointed member shall serve at the pleasure of the
24 appointing official or board. A vacancy shall be filled in the same
25 manner as the original appointment.

26 (3) The Secretary of State shall serve as the chairperson of the
27 commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson or
28 upon request of ten members of the commission.

29 (4) A member of the commission shall receive no compensation for
30 service on the commission but shall be reimbursed for actual and
31 necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

1 Sec. 2. (1) The Complete Count Commission shall develop, recommend,
2 and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to
3 encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census of
4 population required by 13 U.S.C. 141.

5 (2) The census outreach strategy shall include, but not be limited
6 to, state agency initiatives to encourage participation in the 2020
7 federal decennial census, the establishment and support of school-based
8 outreach programs, partnerships with nonprofit community-based
9 organizations, and a multilingual, multimedia campaign designed to ensure
10 an accurate and complete count of the Nebraska population.

11 (3) To assist in carrying out its duties, the commission may create
12 and appoint subcommittees as it deems appropriate and shall solicit
13 participation from relevant experts and practitioners involved in census
14 issues.

15 Sec. 3. The Complete Count Commission shall submit an interim
16 report electronically to the Legislature by December 1, 2019, containing
17 its recommended outreach strategy to encourage full participation and to
18 avoid an undercount in the 2020 federal census. The commission shall
19 submit its final report electronically to the Legislature no later than
20 December 31, 2020, summarizing the effectiveness of the census outreach
21 strategies recommended by the commission.