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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 436**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 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.