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H.B. No. 176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating English as the official language of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3101. STATE SYMBOLS AND LANGUAGE

SECTION 2. Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended by designating Sections 3101.001 through 3101.012 as Subchapter A and adding a subchapter heading to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. STATE SYMBOLS

SECTION 3. Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Sec. 3101.051. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. The English language is designated as the official language of this state.

Sec. 3101.052. STATE DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a department, commission, board, office, council, authority, or other agency in the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of state government that is created by the constitution or a statute of this state, including a university system or institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, including the

1 federal Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1973c et seq.), a state
2 agency is not required to provide documents, publish written
3 materials, or provide website content in any language other than
4 the official language of this state.

5 SECTION 4. Section 2054.116, Government Code, is repealed.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.