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Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel

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Whereas, since 1790, every 10 years, as mandated by the United States Constitution, the Census of Population and Housing has been taken to count all persons and housing units in the United States to reapportion the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the next decennial census will be conducted on April 1, 2000; and

Whereas, the census data is used for Congressional reapportionment and Legislative redistricting, and individuals, businesses, local governments and nonprofit organizations use census data for planning and decision making; and

Whereas, distribution of state and Federal funds is determined by population and other socioeconomic characteristics taken from the census data; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth and its local jurisdictions require descriptions of the social and economic characteristics of a geographic area or population group to determine funding needs for water and sewer projects, highways, economic development, job training, schools and other activities; and

Whereas, it is important to the Commonwealth's interest that a complete and accurate census count be obtained; and

Whereas, in achieving a complete and accurate census count, the Commonwealth must support efforts in the areas of recruitment of Pennsylvanian census workers, promotion and education, communications, address sharing and mapping, and identifying special populations and hard to enumerate areas; and

Whereas, to achieve a complete and accurate census count, it is important to involve representatives of the private and public sectors, Pennsylvania's local governments, and State agencies through the Census 2000 State Interagency Team.

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby establish the Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel, (hereinafter referred to as "Panel") as hereinafter set forth:

Annex A

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CHAPTER 5. COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

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§ 5.961. Purpose.

The purpose of the Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel is to recommend methods and policies to facilitate the most accurate and complete census count in the year 2000.

§ 5.962. Functions.

The functions of the Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel shall be to effectively coordinate the Commonwealth's involvement in preparing for the decennial census and recommend actions necessary to complete the following:

(1) Effective coordination of the State's involvement in the United States Census Bureau's recruitment of approximately 25,000 Pennsylvanians to assist in a variety of census-related activities.

(2) Promotion and education of all Pennsylvanians regarding the importance of the census.

(3) Development of partnerships between the public and private sector to maximize resources used to achieve a complete and accurate count.

(4) Implementation of cooperative arrangements between local governments, nonprofits and other public and private entities to share addresses and mapping, and to identify hard to enumerate areas and special populations.

§ 5.963. Composition.

(a) The Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel (Panel) will consist of no more than 40 members, including representation from business, academia, community and nonprofit organizations, religious communities, health care communities, elected officials and government, the Governor's Advisory Commissions on African and American Affairs and Latino Affairs and the Pennsylvania State Data Center.

(b) The Governor will designate two members to serve as co-chairpersons.

(c) Each Panel member may designate a person to represent him on the Panel.

(d) Ten members will serve ex officio. These ex officio members include the Office of the Governor, the Secretaries of Community and Economic Development, Labor and Industry, Public Welfare, Health, Transportation and four Legislative members.

§ 5.964. Terms of membership.

(a) Members will be appointed for terms commensurate with the life of the Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel (Panel). The members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(b) If a vacancy occurs on the Panel due to resignation, disability or death of a member, the Governor will appoint a successor as expeditiously as possible and the successor will serve the duration of the unexpired term.

§ 5.965. Compensation.

Members of the Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel do not receive compensation for their service, except that the members may be reimbursed for actual travel and related expenses in accordance with the Commonwealth's travel and subsistence regulations. (See Chapter 40 (relating to travel and subsistence).)

§ 5.966. Reports.

The Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel shall report to the Governor at least twice a year on the status of the Commonwealth's activities leading up to the Census 2000. The report will include a description of recommendations and actions taken regarding six areas identified in the PA Census 2000 Action Plan, which are recruitment, promotion and education, communications, address sharing and mapping, special populations, and hard to enumerate areas.

§ 5.967. Meetings and communications.

The Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel (Panel) members will meet at least four times a year during the life of the Panel.

§ 5.968. PA Census 2000 State Interagency Team.

All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction and represented on the PA Census 2000 State Interagency Team shall cooperate with and provide assistance as needed to the Governor's Census 2000 Advisory Panel (Panel) in performing its functions. The Panel will receive administrative services from the Center for Local Government Services in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

§ 5.969. Termination date.

This subchapter will terminate on March 1, 2001.

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Governor

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