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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. CRESPO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to establish the New York state 2020 complete count commission and providing for its powers and duties

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Commission established. (a) A commission to be known as the
2 New York state 2020 complete count commission, hereafter referred to as
3 the commission, is hereby established to identify the issues that led to
4 the 2010 United States census undercount in New York state and to make
5 recommendations to ensure an accurate count in the 2020 United States
6 census.

7 (b) The commission shall consist of sixty-one members to be appointed
8 as follows:

9 (i) thirty-nine members, including the chair and co-chair, shall be
10 appointed by the governor from the following agencies and organizations:

11 (A) one member from each of the following agencies: New York state
12 office for the aging, New York state department of education, New York
13 state department of health, New York state office of children and family
14 services, New York state office of temporary and disability assistance,
15 New York state department of corrections and community supervision, New
16 York state department of state, empire state development corporation,
17 New York state department of labor, New York state division of housing
18 and community renewal, New York state office for people with develop-
19 mental disabilities, New York state department of taxation and finance,
20 New York state office for new Americans, the state university of New
21 York, the city university of New York, and the commission on independent
22 colleges and universities;

23 (B) seven members from relevant agencies representing the city of New
24 York;

25 (C) one member representing each of the following cities: Buffalo,
26 Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Albany, Troy, Bing-
27 hamton, Newburgh and Yonkers; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (D) one member representing each of the following organizations: New
2 York state school boards association, New York conference of mayors, New
3 York state association of counties, the New York state community action
4 association and the association of towns of the state of New York;

5 (ii) eight members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly
6 including five members representing organizations working with the
7 elderly, children and minority communities;

8 (iii) three members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
9 assembly;

10 (iv) four members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the
11 senate including three members representing organizations working with
12 the elderly, children and minority communities;

13 (v) four members appointed by the senate coalition leader including
14 three members representing organizations working with the elderly, chil-
15 dren and minority communities; and

16 (vi) three members appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

17 (c) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for
18 their services as members, but shall be allowed their actual and neces-
19 sary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

20 (d) All appointments shall be made within thirty days of the effective
21 date of this act. The commission shall hold its first meeting five
22 months after the effective date of this act.

23 S 2. Commission reports. (a) The commission shall study, examine and
24 review the issues that led to the 2010 United States census undercount
25 in New York state and shall make recommendations to ensure an accurate
26 count in the 2020 United States census.

27 (b) On or before October 1, 2017, the commission shall transmit to the
28 governor and the legislature a report containing an overview of the
29 issues that led to the 2010 United States census undercount in New York
30 state and a comprehensive action plan for state and local governmental
31 and non-governmental agencies to work together to ensure an accurate
32 count in the 2020 United States census. Such report shall also include
33 proposed appropriations for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021
34 fiscal years for state and local government and non-governmental agen-
35 cies that is adequate to ensure an accurate count in the 2020 United
36 States census.

37 (c) On or before May 1, 2018, the commission shall transmit to the
38 governor and the legislature a report detailing the appropriations made
39 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to meet the recommendations and action
40 plan made in the commission's initial report.

41 (d) On or before May 1, 2019, the commission shall transmit to the
42 governor and the legislature a report detailing actions taken by state
43 and local government and non-governmental agencies to ensure an accurate
44 count in the 2020 United States census. The report shall also include
45 any additional requests for funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to
46 meet the recommendations and action plan made in the commission's
47 initial report.

48 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.