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H.B. No. 81

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of public funds to print certain public
3 documents in a language other than English and other bilingual
4 requirements.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER D. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE DOCUMENTS

9 Sec. 2051.076. USE OF PUBLIC MONEY TO PRINT PUBLIC
10 DOCUMENTS IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. (a) In this section,
11 "state agency" means a board, commission, department, office,
12 institution, including an institution of higher education as
13 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, or other agency in the
14 executive branch of the state government.

15 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a state agency may
16 not use public money to print a public document in a language other
17 than English.

18 (c) This section does not apply to:

19 (1) a historical document originally printed in a
20 language other than English; or

21 (2) a document required under federal law or by the
22 federal government to be printed in a language other than English.

23 SECTION 2. Chapter 272, Election Code, is repealed.

24 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only

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1 to a document printed by a state agency on or after the effective
2 date of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.