

(A) (1) ENGLISH IS RECOGNIZED AS THE OFFICIAL COMMON LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT OF THIS STATE.

(2) AS THE OFFICIAL COMMON LANGUAGE OF THE STATE, ENGLISH IS THE LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIONS.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO:

(1) THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT; AND

(2) THE STATE AND EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF STATE, INCLUDING EACH DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, UNIT, ORGANIZATION, AND INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF.

(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) WRITE AND PUBLISH EACH OFFICIAL DOCUMENT IN ENGLISH; AND

(2) CONDUCT EACH MEETING AND OTHER OFFICIAL ORAL COMMUNICATION IT AUTHORIZES IN ENGLISH.

(D) THE STATE AND EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE MAY CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH TO:

(1) COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW;

(2) PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY;

(3) PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CIVIL LITIGANTS, CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS, OR VICTIMS OF CRIME;

(4) ASSIST STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BY GIVING EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION WHICH PROVIDES AS RAPID AS POSSIBLE A TRANSITION TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE;

(5) PROVIDE INTERPRETATION FOR DEAF INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE;

~~(6)~~ (6) TEACH A FOREIGN LANGUAGE; ~~OR~~

~~(7)~~ (7) PROMOTE THE ARTS, INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, OR TOURISM; OR

~~(8)~~ (8) ASSIST PERSONS NOT PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH IN THE CONDUCT OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

(E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE REVERSAL OF ANY EXISTING LAW OR POLICY, OR THE TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF ANY OFFICIAL MOTTO, SLOGAN, OR DECREE.